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PLOT TO MURDER HUSSEIN

Officer held; paid by Libya

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A high-ranking Jordanian army officer has been arrested by the Jordanian authorities for being involved in an anti-Husseini plot masterminded by the Libyan regime of Muammer Gaddafi.

An East Jerusalem notable, who visited Amman over the weekend, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the army officer was arrested last week on his return to Amman from a vacation in Beirut.

The army officer was identified only as "Colonel Ma'arout." Arrested with him, according to the East Jerusalem notable, was a Palestinian, manager of an Amman bank, who evidently served as liaison with the Libyans.

The army officer was reported to have been under security watch for some time prior to his arrest because the Jordanian authorities had been aware of the plot. The officer was finally arrested after contacting a number of his colleagues, all of whom refused to take part in the plot against King Hussein despite the large sums of money the officer had brought with him to Amman from Beirut.

The actual plot was reportedly planned by the Libyans in Cairo last September. "Colonel Ma'arout" was a participant in the Arab League's council conference at that time. The Libyans supplied the officer with a list of names of army personnel to assist in the conspiracy.

The plan called for a group of officers to assassinate King Hussein and his brother Crown Prince Hassan, arrest their associates and the cabinet members, and take over the Amman Radio and TV stations to declare a state of emergency and a curfew throughout the country.

The Libyans promised an immediate takeover of northern Jordan by the Palestinian terrorist movement, crossing from Syria and a Libyan airlift of men and equipment into Amman. Under the plan, Jordan was to be declared a republic governed by a "national Jordanian-Palestinian unity" government, which would immediately summon all terrorists to Jordan.

Langers wed as Goren court ends mamzerut

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In a military-style operation, Israel Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren yesterday removed the slur of mamzerut from the Langer brother and sister, and by evening they were both legally married. The rabbi did so in his capacity as Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi and President of the District Rabbinical Court, having gained the approval of an other eight dayanim (rabbinical judges) for the removal of the marriage ban from Hanoch and Miriam Langer. He made this sensational move without the knowledge of the Sephardi Chief Rabbi, Ovadia Yosef.



Army sergeant-major Hanoch Langer (picture, right) marrying Yehudit Krispon, and his sister Miriam Langer marrying Daniel Levi at quiet wedding ceremonies held one after the other last night in a Tel Aviv wedding hall in the presence of their closest relatives and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. (Issue and Michael Friedman)

The two modest wedding ceremonies were held one after the other at the Salomo Banquet Halls in Rehov Trumpeldor. Army Sergeant-Major Hanoch Langer took Yehudit Krispon as his bride with Tal-Aluf Mordechai Piron, who succeeded Rabbi Goren as the chief army chaplain, officiating. They then moved across the floor to celebrate the marriage of Hanoch's sister, Miriam, to Daniel Levi — who had been brought back from army reserve duty to the *hupa*. There was only a small crowd of celebrants — their closest relatives and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who had taken an active personal interest in the joint fight of the brother and sister.

Chief Rabbi Goren himself did not attend the ceremonies. The weddings were disclosed at a hurriedly convened press conference at his second-floor home in Sderot David Hamelech last night.

The Chief Rabbi declined to reveal the name of either the rabbi who had officiated at Miriam and Daniel Levi's marriage or those of the eight other *dayanim* who had endorsed his considered judgment made some time back whereby he had found against the rabbinical courts' mamzerut prohibition (apparently by challenging the conversion to Judaism of their mother's first husband). He feared for their safety at the hands of religious extremists, Rabbi Goren said.

In a prepared statement read out by the chief rabbi, he noted that "the *dayanim*, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, from all parts of the country, including a president of a rabbinical court, have affixed their signatures to the permission admitting Miriam and Hanoch Langer to the *Kahal* (Jewish community) and allowing them to marry the partners of their choice in keeping with the law of Moses and of Israel... the signatories included

one *dayan* who at the time sat on the bench that forbade their admission to the *Kahal*."

In keeping with this permission, Rabbi Goren, as Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi, registered them for the purpose of marriage in their place of residence — at the Tel Aviv Chief Rabbinate — the announcement went.

Describing the marriage ceremonies, Rabbi Goren was ready to say only that the officiant at Miriam and Daniel Levi's wedding was a leading rabbi in one of Israel's larger towns.

Rabbi Goren made a public appeal to his colleague, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, and to the country's other rabbis and *dayanim* "to join us in making peace and unity among the rabbis themselves, and between them and the nation as a whole."

The Chief Rabbi would answer only a few questions, bristling at any pointed queries. He did reveal that he had advised the two couples to prepare themselves for the possibility of new developments some eight days ago. "You can say I put them on an emergency footing," he remarked with a smile. He admitted that the final process of affixing signatures was completed yesterday.

The Chief Rabbi declared firmly: "We cleaved strictly to the *Halacha*, which allows for such changes once new evidence is presented." He did not accept the notion that he could be accused of having sidestepped the hierarchy of the rabbinical judicial establishment. "Not at all, there is no such thing in rabbinical courts; it's not like the civil courts where there can be no appeal once the Supreme Court has handed down its verdict," Rabbi Goren explained, adding that in such a case a court of three *dayanim* is sufficient, whereas he had assembled nine.

Asked whether Rabbi Yosef had

Kissinger to Paris for talks today

WASHINGTON. — Presidential Adviser Henry Kissinger left yesterday for Paris to try to conclude a Vietnam peace accord with Hanoi's negotiator, Le Duc Tho.

Dr. Kissinger held last-minute talks with President Nixon Saturday in preparation for the Paris sessions which begin today. Only a small handful of reporters and cameramen were on hand to see him off.

The U.S.-North Vietnamese secret talks will be the first since the presidential election here on November 7.

Dr. Kissinger told the American electorate nine days before the election, which Nixon won by a landslide, that "peace is at hand."

One more negotiating session with the North Vietnamese, possibly lasting three or four days, would be enough to clear up the remaining differences on the peace accord, he said.

Despite the expectations the administration has generated for the conclusion of the peace talks, it has cautioned that a final accord may not be agreed upon in the Kissinger-Tho meetings this week.

Some further consultations with Saigon could be expected, Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said on Friday.

The main points expected to be discussed in Paris are the disposition of North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam, the authority and functioning of the international truce supervisory body and the role of the new three-part administrative

council to be formed in South Vietnam of elements from the Thieu government, Neutralists and Communists.

In Saigon, South Vietnam reiterated last night that any treaty negotiated behind the backs of the South Vietnamese people and without the signature of their legal representatives would be invalid.

This reminder to Washington and Hanoi on the eve of the resumption of the peace talks in Paris came in Saigon Radio's evening commentary, which declared the Saigon government's position was "unshakable."

U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker called on South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu yesterday. He spent half an hour with Thieu in the presidential palace. No details of their meeting were released, but it is understood the two talked over the South Vietnamese attitude to the negotiations in Paris.

Reaction to the news was not slow in coming. Chief Rabbi Yosef, who learned of the latest development while visiting Netivot in the Negev, told an *Israel* TV reporter: "Blessed be He who has relieved us of the responsibility..."

Several members of the Rabbinical High Court yesterday evening expressed their "astonishment" at the way in which the marriage ban was lifted, *Israel* Radio reported last night. The *dayanim* said it was inconceivable that the court could rule on the case without hearing both sides and without examining all the facts. The court's decision, they claimed, served to "undermine the rabbinical legal system."

Parties Pleased

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Coalition Party circles last night registered gratification and relief at Chief Rabbi Goren's commando operation which seems to have settled the Langer brother and sister case once and for all. It had become a cause celebre which could have caused the government to fall.

The Independent Liberal leadership is no longer under pressure to force a vote on the civil marriage bill of its Knesset Whip Gideon Hausner, and can now easily argue at its party's convention later this month that Rabbi Goren should be given the year's credit he has

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Arms airlift to Syria continuing

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Soviet airlift of anti-aircraft missiles to Syria is continuing. Beirut's French-language newspaper "Orient-Le Jour" said more Russian Antonov-12 transport planes arrived in Damascus with loads of unspecified military equipment. The paper reported the arrival of 12 Russian planes in the Syrian capital over the weekend.

Contrary to preliminary estimates Saturday, the newspaper implied yesterday that the new airlift is as extensive as last September's airlift when 20 Antonovs brought arms into Syria from Russia.

"Orient-Le Jour" reported the current airlift, from Odessa and Budapest, is part of a plan aimed at strengthening the Syrian front against Israel. Another feature of the plan, according to the Beirut newspaper, is Egypt's decision to place its Mig jets stationed in Syria under the command of the Syrians.

(Our London correspondent, David Lennon, cables:

"The 'Sunday Telegraph,' in a report from Beirut, said the new airlift appears to be the final delivery to Syria of a modern Russian air defence system. The first consignment was sent six weeks ago. This aim of the Egyptian decision to take a positive role in any new fighting along the Syrian border seems to be to recover some of Egypt's lost prestige among the Arab countries. There is also a wish to impress the outside world and in particular America that the Middle East may explode at any moment.

(Egyptian planes and pilots in Syria are unlikely to be used for offensive action. They might however engage Israeli planes in the event of any new Israeli raid into Syria, it was added.)

Meanwhile, Cairo confirmed yesterday that a high-ranking Egyptian military delegation, under Marshal Hoshi Mubarak, Air Force commander, is currently in Moscow negotiating the resumption of Soviet arms supplies to Egypt.

In a dispatch from Moscow, Cairo's semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said the delegation has been in the Soviet Union four days discussing the purchase of more arms for Egypt. The newspaper added the Egyptians already have had several meetings with Soviet military officials.

Egypt is believed to be seeking a guarantee for a continued flow of spare parts to its Soviet-built armaments by sending the military delegation to Moscow. In addition,

BRANDT TRIUMPHS IN BONN ELECTION

BONN. — Chancellor Willy Brandt yesterday won re-election in the greatest triumph of his political career. Opposition candidate Rainer Barzel conceded defeat. Mr. Brandt's Social Democrats, for the first time since the West German Republic was created in 1949, won the largest bloc of seats in the Bundestag.

Together with the Free Democrats led by Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, the Brandt government will control about 270 of the 496 seats in the new Bundestag when it convenes on December 14.

For the first time, the Social Democrats also won the right to name the President of the Bundestag and the chairman of its major committees.

Mr. Barzel, 48-year leader of the Christian Democrats, conceded the election to Mr. Brandt by telephone about two hours and 15 minutes after the polls closed.

There was a 90 per cent turnout at the polls despite the cold, grey weather — a record in the republic's history and one rarely matched in other Western countries. The voters have given Mr. Brandt a free hand to carry on for the next four years his policies of close alliance with the U.S., Britain and France, good neighbour relations with Communist Eastern Europe and troop and arms cuts on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

News of the probable result came less than an hour after polling ended at 6 p.m. in West Germany's seventh election.

The Communists, the extreme right wing National Democratic Party and other splinter groups were virtually wiped out. Between them they polled barely one per cent.

West German commentators attributed the Brandt victory to the fact it was above all a personality contest between him and Barzel.

Cairo may be seeking the Soviet Mig-23 supersonic plane which Moscow had been withholding from the Egyptians.

In an afternoon political commentary, Cairo Radio yesterday implied the Egyptian delegation also may be discussing boosting arms production in Egypt itself. The radio said the promotion of local arms industry was recommended by last week-end's Kuwait conference of Arab Foreign and Defence Ministers. Some Arab states may finance Egypt in this venture.

In this context, Egypt has attempted to produce ground-to-ground missiles for several years without any progress. Earlier this year, Cairo was reported to have asked India's cooperation for a joint production of warplanes.

Hussein's health 'excellent'

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Jordan's King Hussein was reported to be in "excellent" health, yesterday after medical tests at a military hospital in Amman. He was hospitalized unexpectedly on Saturday.

An official statement by the Jordanian Royal Cabinet said Hussein would leave the hospital after two days of rest.

The statement yesterday reiterated the Jordanian monarch, 37 years old last week, had been admitted because of fatigue caused by overwork. There were no further details.

Hussein has had medical check-ups in Britain and the U.S. for what was described as renal complications and possible heart trouble.

He recently conducted a series of military and political top-level meetings in a bid to boost his country's security and economic energies.

Meir: Peace depends 100% on Arabs

By SAM LIFSKEI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Prime Minister Golda Meir re-affirmed Israel's willingness to negotiate an interim Suez Canal agreement with Egypt at any time with the U.S. acting as an intermediary. But she emphasized in a TV interview that whether 1973, Israel's 25th anniversary year, would also be a year of peace and negotiation "depends one hundred per cent on our neighbours."

The interview was conducted by ABC News Tel Aviv chief William Seaman and Lou Cloff, ABC News Bonn bureau chief.

Seaman asked Mrs. Meir what she thought the chances of peace coming to the Middle East would be in 1973.

"What we wish for is in a day, in a week, in a month, in a few months, anytime, as quickly as possible, we would like to reach a state of peace, a peace agreement with our neighbours, and that will really guarantee a peaceful relationship between them and us," Mrs. Meir replied.

"Whether it will happen depends one hundred per cent on our neighbours. You know our policy. We are prepared to enter into negotiations with any one of our neighbours, at any time, without any preconditions. As long as they demand preconditions from us and that's what they do — of course, there can be no movement towards peace."

Cloff noted that Defence Minister Moshe Dayan recently met with Secretary of State William Rogers in Washington and that they agreed there was a need for a diplomatic process here in the Middle East. "Just what kind of diplomatic process are they talking about?" he asked.

"I really wouldn't know," Mrs. Meir answered. "If I were there and they'd say that I would ask them. But I understand that the United States Government still believes that its initiative on a partial agreement around the Suez Canal, the opening of the Suez Canal, and so on, is still the most practical approach, and we perfectly agree with it."

"Not that we're not prepared to enter into negotiations with the Egyptian Government on an all-over peace agreement. But we think that realistically there are greater possibilities if we come to an agreement on this partial Suez plan first, and then — this, of course, means no shooting and the operation of the Suez Canal, and we hope the rebuilding of the towns on the other side of the Canal, we think

Amin advises PLO, Jordan

KAMPALA (Reuters). — President Idi Amin yesterday proposed a meeting of Jordanian and Palestinian delegations here to resolve the differences between them.

Speaking at a meeting with the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) representative here, Mr. Khalid el-Sheikh, General Amin said it was imperative that Jordan and Palestine "forget all their differences completely and start afresh."

If Israel was to be attacked effectively, Arab forces should attack from Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, he said.

Officers plot to oust Sadat foiled

BEIRUT (UP). — The Egyptian authorities arrested 35 to 40 military officers last week and foiled a plot to overthrow the regime of President Sadat, Arab diplomatic sources said yesterday. The sources, quoting Beirut, said the plotters had planned to strike last Wednesday or Thursday by arresting Sadat, Premier Aziz Sidky and several other cabinet members.

The sources said the plotters, most of them of colonel or lieutenant-colonel rank and a large number of them Air Force officers, had planned to instal Gen. Mohammed Sadek as head of state.

Sadek was dismissed as War Minister on October 26 on grounds he had failed to carry out Presidential directives. Sadek was known to be anti-Sadat and his dismissal preceded a visit by Premier Sidky to Moscow.

The reports of the attempted coup said planning for it began before the dismissal of Sadek as a reaction to Sadat's policies in general, including his desire to mend fences with the Soviet Union, and his choice of Sidky as Premier.

Sadek's successor as War Minister, Gen. Ahmed Ismail, was in Damascus when the plot was smashed and he was urgently summoned to return to Cairo, the sources said.

One or two days after the arrests, Sadat fired his chief of military intelligence, Maj-Gen. Mustafa Mehrez. The reason was not immediately clear, sources said, but it appeared unlikely Mehrez was involved.

The abortive plot was the second known anti-Sadat movement by military officers since the year. The first came last May when Sadek neutralized a coup attempt involving the

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Accused killer Yosef Amiel cracks a joke with the policeman leading him into yesterday's session in the Haifa District Court. (I.P.P.A.)

Police, city 'clean up' T.A. market

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The "Gaza Market," at the Jaffa end of the city's famed Carmel Market, was completely dismantled by city inspectors yesterday and its peddlars removed from the area. The "Gaza Market" was created soon after the Six Day War when Arabs, mostly from the Gaza Strip, started coming there daily to peddle their goods...

Social and Personal

The President, Mr. Zalman Shazar, yesterday received a delegation of management and workers from Ha'argaz, the country's largest industrial cooperative, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Later, Prime Minister Golda Meir was guest of honour at the firm's anniversary festivities, held at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

WITNESS IN AMIEL TRIAL: Bar owner was 4th man in Asherov murder car

HAIFA. — There was a fourth man in the car that took Dan Asherov to his death on the slopes of Mount Carmel last February — he was Yosef Laria, owner of the Puerto Rico bar in Tel Aviv and the victim's employer. This came out in the Haifa District Court yesterday in the testimony of a prosecution witness in the trial of Yosef Amiel. Amiel is accused of murdering Asherov together with Lucien Leonie (now serving a life sentence for his part in the killing).

Mrs. Edith Rojansky, the Consul-General of Monaco, gave a reception at her home in Tel Aviv yesterday to mark Prince Rainier's birthday.

The Promised Land Ltd. — 10 Rehov Hillel, Jerusalem, 5 Rehov Sholem Aleichem, Tel Aviv — congratulates Mr. Stanley Dainekoff on the occasion of his birthday. (Communicated)

The Promised Land Ltd. — 10 Rehov Hillel, Jerusalem, 5 Rehov Sholem Aleichem, Tel Aviv — congratulates Mr. Dean Solcher on the occasion of his birthday. (Communicated)

ARRIVALS

The Deputy Education Minister of Columbia, Guillermo Alberto Gonzalez, for a week's visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry (By El Al).

Mrs. Dora Goldstein, hon. treasurer of the British Wiso Federation (By El Al).

DEPARTURES

Ted R. Lurie and Daniel Agron, managing director and assistant managing director of The Jerusalem Post, to attend Newstep '72, the Newspaper Society of Britain's technical conference and exhibition at Brighton.

Farkas is a father; wants Goren as sandak

Jerusalem Post Reporter SAFAD. — The reputed wife of ex-convict Nahman Farkas, Geulah Khanas, gave birth to a baby boy at the Government Hospital here last Thursday. The boy is to be given the Chinese name "Su" at the request of the 36-year-old father, who gained notoriety for his knack for escaping from prison. Farkas, whose latest escape with the law involved the growing of Indian hemp (from which hashish is made) and assaulting the secretary of Moshav Amirim, was given an eight-month suspended sentence last month. The judge decided not to send Farkas back to prison after his wife's father had promised the court he would help Farkas go straight. The couple had been living in a cave near Rosh Pina, but moved to stay with the girl's parents during the last month of her pregnancy. "Ma'ariv" reported yesterday that the overjoyed Farkas said he would request Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren to serve as godfather at his son's brit mila.

'Jewish' current flows in East Jerusalem lines

Jerusalem Post Reporter "Jewish" electricity flowed yesterday through Arab-owned transmission lines in Jerusalem, as the Israel Electric Corporation successfully completed its link-up with the Jerusalem District Electricity Corporation of East Jerusalem. The link-up should end the power failures that have for the past month been plaguing some 30,000 consumers of the East Jerusalem company — including homeowners in Ramallah, Bethlehem and the new Jewish neighbourhoods of East Jerusalem. An I.E.C. spokesman said power was successfully sent through the link-up at 2.30 p.m.

Police use gas to foil suicide in courtroom

TEL AVIV. — A man on trial for robbery tried to commit suicide by cutting his wrists in the District Court yesterday. A quick-acting policeman foiled the attempt by using tear gas. The accused, Rafael Ben-Shitrit, 21, from Ramatayim, is on trial with two other men for stealing a vehicle, driving without licence or insurance, and assaulting and robbing a taxi driver from Kalkiyia. Ben-Shitrit's mother told the court yesterday that she cannot continue to attend the trial because of her husband's illness. The accused, on hearing this, stood up and shouted at his mother and sister to leave the courtroom. Shortly after the two women left, Ben-Shitrit announced that he cannot continue to sit in the court, and asked to be taken back to the cell. When the court president, Judge Yitzhak Raveh, told him to sit quietly, the accused took out a silver of plastic, apparently from a broken plate, and cut at his wrists, threatening to commit suicide. One of the police officers on duty in the courtroom immediately sprayed Ben-Shitrit and the two other accused with tear gas, and Ben-Shitrit was taken down to the detention room amid fearful coughing by the other accused as well as the judges and attorneys, who had not seen the incident. The trial was recessed and resumed a short time later in the presence of the other two accused, Daniel Sharabi, 19, from Petah Tikva, and Amram Adari, 20, from Rehovot. (Ithm)

Three killed on roads, tractorist dies

Two children and a sanitation worker were killed yesterday in separate road accidents, and a tractorist was killed in an accident which occurred on Saturday. A passenger car ploughed into a group of five children, aged four to six, as they were crossing the Seje'iyah road in the northern Gaza Strip late yesterday afternoon. Two of the children were killed on the spot, and three were hospitalized with severe injuries. But they were reported out of danger last night. The driver was detained for questioning. A sanitation worker aged 55, whose name was not released, was killed when he was hit by a car yesterday morning, as he was removing garbage near the post office in East Jerusalem. The driver, an East Jerusalem resident, was held for questioning. On Saturday, Rahli Janua Abas, 47, a resident of Old Acre, was crushed under his tractor when it overturned near the fisheries of Kibbutz Ein Hamifratz. He was extricated much later, and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Government hospital in Nahariya. (Ithm)

Parachutists perform Israel's first 'star'

Jerusalem Post Reporter BIN SHEMMER. — Sport parachuting in Israel came into its own on Saturday, when four free-fall jumpers performed the country's first-ever four-man star. The four men, all members of the Israel Skydiving Club, linked up after exiting separately from a Cherokee-6 aircraft at an altitude of 8,500 feet. The star broke up at 3,500 feet, the divers tracked away from each other, and the jumpers opened their chutes at 2,000 feet to wait the rest of the way down to the airfield here. "The four-man hook-up is a significant milestone in the development of sport parachuting in this country," a club member told The Post last night. The four jumpers who accomplished the feat were Brian Street, Cliff Wekin, Martin Sherman and Oded Rosenthal.

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Histadrut lifts ban on Germany

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Central Committee yesterday rescinded its decision to halt delegations to Germany, and authorized Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon to decide when such delegations would go. The change in the Histadrut attitude came after a cable was received from Mr. Heinz Vetter, President of the German Trade Union Federation, in which the Histadrut was assured that the Federation, as well as the West German Government and the Socialist Party, were staunchly opposed to terrorism and backed practical measures to fight it. The Histadrut ban on delegations came after the Federal Government had released the killers of the Israel Olympic team members.

Two held in drug cases, 'doing a favour'

Two men were remanded in custody by the Magistrates' Court in Jerusalem yesterday in separate cases involving drug traffic. Both suspects claimed they were innocent. Zuhir el-Khoury of Ramallah was remanded for 10 days. He was arrested on Friday at the Old City's New Gate carrying several boxes containing 180 capsules of what police called a dangerous drug. The suspect told the court he knew nothing about the nature of the capsules, and was only doing a favour for someone who had asked him to deliver them to a certain address. Salah Makladi of Jerusalem, a customs clerk at Allenby Bridge, was remanded for 15 days. He is suspected of accepting bribes in return for allowing two drug peddlars to cross the bridge with their wares. Makladi said he was being framed — he had worked for customs five years and had a clean record — and this accusation was made just because he was trying to do someone a favour. More arrests are expected in this case. (Ithm)

AFULA NOW A CITY

The Local Council of Afala was accorded the status of a municipality yesterday by Interior Minister Yosef Burg. Afala, a town of about 20,000 residents, was established in 1953, and received local council status one year later. The 31st city of Israel, it now occupies a land area of 30,000 dunams, and provides services to a population of 130,000 in its district.

Rains IL100 notes in Kiryat Gat

ASHKELON. — A Kiryat Gat resident was amazed one day last week to see IL100 notes flying in the wind as he was walking down the street. David Azulai, 63, a part-time employee of the Jewish National Fund, gathered up the money — IL1,500 in total — and brought it to the police. The cash, it turned out, belonged to Habib Biton of Kiryat Gat, who had laboured several weeks to raise the funds to purchase a Torah scroll for the synagogue where he worships. Mr. Azulai was rewarded on Sunday by Negev District Police commander Nitzaiv-Mishne Michael Bachmer, who presented him with a citation and a gift album. (Ithm)

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Liberal won't back electoral reform now

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Liberal Party will not go along with the Labour Party on electoral reform at this time, in order not to upset Herut, its Galah partner. This was stated yesterday by Liberal Party Executive chairman Simha Erlich, who said, "We will have to resolve this measure after the 1973 elections." However, Mr. Erlich was more reassuring on the matter of Liberal backing for the Labour Party bill on direct mayoral elections. "We support all clauses of the bill with the exception of the 40-per cent majority required for the first round. We want an absolute majority," he stated.

Water no bar to army

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — The Israel Defence Forces have the means to cross water obstacles on the Egyptian and Jordanian frontiers should fighting be resumed, the chief of the Army's Engineering Corps, Tat-Aluf Yerahmiel Dori, has revealed. In an interview published in the latest issue of the "Technion Magazine," Tat-Aluf Dori states that the cease-fire period has enabled the Army to pay attention to a relatively new field in its experience crossing water obstacles "as Israel's main frontiers with the Arab states are now riparian. This has been a tremendous challenge for the Engineer Corps, and we have started building the means which will provide the engineering solution to these obstacles." He noted that the problem of crossing water obstacles could not be solved by copying methods existing in other armies, "and the Corps developed its own methods." The interview also revealed that the "Bar-Lev Line" on the Suez Canal was built with rails from the Egyptian desert railway in Sinai, which the Corps dismantled. Tat-Aluf Dori, who is a Technion graduate (class of '54) stated that the Corps had financed a considerable number of research projects on soil problems at the Technion's Civil and Agricultural Engineering faculties. He said that the Corps' work would have been impossible without the expertise and manpower provided by the Technion. He revealed that one of the sections in his command is manned almost exclusively by Technion graduates, all of them holders of masters degrees.

Rosen named Peled's deputy



Shlomo Rosen

Jerusalem Post Reporter The Cabinet yesterday approved the appointment of Shlomo Rosen M.K., as Deputy Minister of Immigrant Absorption — an appointment which requires Knesset endorsement. Mr. Rosen, who is 67, is a member of Kibbutz Sarid, as is Minister Nathan Peled, 59. Mr. Rosen will resign his post. Deputy Knesset Speaker Ben Arzi is expected to take his place. The appointment is seen as a step to strengthen the top echelons of the Mapam-run Absorption Ministry with a veteran politician who has economic experience and an unqualified gift for getting on with people of all parties — including Orthodox Jewish circles. The Absorption Ministry's work depends closely in connection with other Government departments and public institutions, more than the work most other ministries.

Nahal-type yeshiva unit approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter The Cabinet yesterday approved the formation of a new Nahal-type yeshiva unit, for orthodox soldiers who divide their compulsory army service between Talmudic studies and military training. The new unit will be located at Ramat Magshimim, an orthodox moshav on the Golan Heights. The centre at Ramat Magshimim will become a permanent site for successive groups of soldier-students. By coincidence, the proposal was tabled by two ministers simultaneously, but independently: Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig and Tourism Minister Moshe Kol.

Dayan reports to Cabinet on Washington talks

Jerusalem Post Reporter Defence Minister Moshe Dayan reported briefly at yesterday's Cabinet session on his trip to the U.S. last week, including his talks in Washington with White House and Pentagon personalities. There was no discussion, but the Defence Minister answered a number of questions. It is assumed that Mr. Dayan reported on his discussions with top Pentagon officials on the ongoing procurement of military materiel. Mr. Dayan told the Ministers that his White House interlocutors did not leave him with the impression that Israel was about to face U.S. pressure with respect to its future negotiating position.

Girl injured in Lod massacre weds

TEL AVIV. — A happy reunion of those injured on the night of the Lod Airport massacre of May 30 took place here Sunday night, at the wedding of one of the girls who was hurt that night. The wedding of Pnina Goldberg of Petah Tikva to Meir Dreyer took place in Haichal Hape'ar, with the other injured, as well as doctors from Sheba Hospital who treated them, in attendance. Simha Holzberg, "Father of the Wounded," took the opportunity to announce the engagement of Antonia Zacharia, the stewardess who was wounded in the massacre, to an Air Force officer. Mr. Holzberg presented Miss Zacharia with a diamond ring as an engagement gift. (Ithm)

Citrus season starts in Ashdod amid labour trouble

By YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter ASEOD. — The citrus export season started at Ashdod Port yesterday as 100,000 crates of citrus were loaded onto ships bound for Europe, but a strike looms on the horizon. The local Labour Council has declared a labour dispute with the port management concerning the demand of the Marine Department to re-run a tender for the job of section head. The Marine Department works committee opposes the man who won the present tender. But the port management claims the man won in a fair tender, and it will not go back on its decision. The Labour Council is threatening to take serious steps, which might include a general strike on the port Friday (the end of the two-week cooling-off period) if the management does not give in. The powerful dockers works committee, fearful they might lose as premiums for loading citrus if strike breaks out, plan to ask Minister of Transport, the Histadrut Secretary-General and the director of the Ports Authority to intervene in the dispute. The unsigned labour contracts all the port workers is another source of friction at the port, a could become a source of further labour disputes before the end of the present citrus export season.

Ness Ziona's Rabbi Be'eri dies

NESS ZIONA. — Rabbi Yisrael Halevi Be'eri, the rabbi of Ness Ziona, died yesterday while praying in the local synagogue during the afternoon service. He was 61. The deceased, who had served as the town's rabbi since 1947, published many books on halachic subjects. He is survived by his wife, four sons and a daughter. The funeral cortege will leave the Ness Ziona synagogue this morning at ten for the Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem. (Ithm)

A DEMONSTRATION by 30 mothers from the Kiryat Mattered quarter in Jerusalem broke up yesterday afternoon when police persuaded the women to bring their demands for pedestrian safe measures to the attention of Town Hall. The women demand safety rails and other measures to protect their children from heavy bus traffic on the quarter roads.

Mr. Perry Boded, Managing Director of The Promised Land Ltd., Welcomes the Delegates to the International Convention of the World Council of Synagogues. All participants who remember him from the Seminary between 1953-1957 as Perry Rudolf are cordially invited to stop in his travel office at 10 Rehov Hillel, Tel. 225311, Jerusalem, to renew acquaintance. Tel Aviv Branch: 5 Rehov Shalom Aleichem, Tel. 50951

Hadassah Tourism Department in Israel Jerusalem For Technical Reasons there will be no tours of Hadassah Installations Today.

The Rebecca Sleaf English-speaking WIZO Group cordially invites you to an afternoon tea on Tuesday, November 28 at 4.00 p.m. at WIZO House, 88 Sderot David Hamelech, to meet MRS. RUTH DAYAN, who will speak on her work with Arab women. Chairman Hon. Judith Schechterman. Entrance fee, including tea, IL5. Tickets available at WIZO's Tourist Office, 116 Rehov Hayarkon Tel Aviv, from 8.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m. daily.

The Council of Israel Synagogues in Israel INVITES YOU TO A RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF Mr. NASH KESTENBAUM National President, Young Israel of the U.S., and RABBI EPHRAIM STURM, MR. NATHAN SAPERSTEIN, and MR. SAM FLATT, Members of the Young Israel Delegation at the YOUNG ISRAEL OF KIRON SYNAGOGUE (near Savoyon) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 at 7 p.m. A SEFER TORA WILL BE PRESENTED TO RUSSIAN JEWRY YOUNG ISRAEL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. NO APPEALS. ADMISSION FREE. FOR INFORMATION, contact Tel. 28102, 24768, or 25271 — OR SHALOM TOWER, 20TH FLOOR. TEL. AVIV. (by appointment) Dr. Samuel Gertz, National Vice-President.

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Budgetary gap pared down Sapir: Israel's GNP puts it 18th in world

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said yesterday that the Cabinet's decision to place Israel's per capita Gross National Product at 18th in the world is a list of 122 states which have a population of one million or more. In terms of absolute size, he said, it came 48th in these 122 states. Israel has the same GNP as Egypt, the Minister said, although Egypt's population is 10 times greater.

Mr. Sapir was presenting his annual economic review in the Knesset, traditionally delivered during this period in which the coming state budget is being hammered out. He spoke for three hours.

The gap between the budgetary demands of the various ministries and the budget total which he considers feasible for the Treasury is now no more than IL9,000m., Mr. Sapir said — after the Defence Ministry reduced its original demand by some IL5,000m.

He stressed that he was not yet in a position to submit a final budget outline to the Cabinet. If this outline is not agreed upon in time, he warned, it will not be possible to table it in time in the Knesset either.

(Last year's budget was many weeks late because of the need to work out a compromise between the Treasury and the Defence Ministry over the size of the defence budget.)

Mr. Sapir has gone on record as saying that the 1973/74 state budget should only be allowed to exceed the current (1972/73) budget by an amount reflecting the increase in costs, plus the increase in overall population. This, in relative terms, would mean freezing State revenue and expenditure at their present levels.

According to this calculation, Mr. Sapir apparently envisages a state budget of around IL8,500m. (as compared with this year's IL6,886m.). Treasury experts speak of price increases of roughly 11 per cent and a population increase of around three per cent, to produce a state budget 14 per cent larger than this year.

Until Mr. Sapir and Mr. Dayan agree over the Defence budget — the lion's share of national spending — the Treasury cannot decide exactly how much it is willing to allocate to all the other ministries.

The original gap between what the Defence Ministry has asked for, and what the Treasury is ready to concede, was IL1,400m. This gap is now down to IL900m., after the Defence Ministry itself lopped off IL500m. The Treasury expects this IL900m. to be reduced still further, and negotiations between the two Ministers are likely during the next few weeks.

In his review Mr. Sapir listed a series of developments on the health, education and welfare fronts in the past few years, and made the following points, among others:

- 53,000 families, representing 7.4 per cent of the population, are still living at a density of three persons and more per room, as compared with 70,000 families in 1969.
- In the next two years 20,000 of the 53,000 families will be taken care of.
- The natural population increase of Israel's Arab population is the highest in the world, standing at 41 per 1,000 as compared with the world ratio of 20 per 1,000 (the ratio of Israel's Jews is 17 per 1,000).
- Strikes in the first nine months of 1972 cost the economy IL2,000m. workdays, as compared with 185,000 in January-September 1971. But there were only 53 strikes in the public sector, as compared with 80 strikes in the first nine months of 1971.
- Average monthly wages in the transport sector were the highest in the whole economy — both absolutely and by their rate of increase relative to the national average. The average transport employee earns IL1,400 monthly, as compared with the IL898 national average wage.
- The balance-of-payments deficit will go down by IL100m. this year, to IL1,100m. Exports in 1972 will account for 66 per cent of imports, as compared with 61 per cent in 1961 and 52 per cent in 1970.

as investments, reparations payments and institutional transfers. Other sources are remittances from increased exports and income from tourism.

After citing these factors, the Economic Ministers added the following comment: "We view with special gravity the fact that to all of these inflationary pressures was added a consumer demand fired by large wage increases. These increases boost production costs and impair the ability of Israel products to compete on the world market... and there are still work agreements to be signed; there are still retrospective rises to be paid; and there are still cost-of-living allowances to be paid at the beginning of next year."

Concluding, the Economic Ministers reiterated their support of Mr. Sanbar's earlier proposals. These include lowering of customs, to promote competition at home; a ban on short-term borrowing abroad; a curbs on unnecessary public construction and lending by banks; continuation of price controls on basic commodities; attempts to avoid excessive wage rises and Government expenditures; and encouragement of savings by individuals.

The Economic Ministers yesterday appointed two committees to examine the demands of truckers and taxi operators for higher tariffs.

Ministers' c'ttee blasts 'large' pay increases

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

This year's "large wage increases" were cited yesterday by the Ministerial Economic Committee as a main villain in the nation's spiralling inflation.

The indictment came in a lengthy report issued by the Ministers, in which they formally adopted the report of the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Sanbar, on the rise in the means of payment in the period from February 29 to July 31.

That report noted the rapid growth in personal consumption, which automatically leads to increased imports and the accompanying expansion of the trade deficit. In an effort to stem the spending wave, the Bank of Israel in April took measures to slash funds from the public. As a result, the rise in the means of payments between April and October was 12.5 per cent compared with 18.2 per cent in the same period a year earlier. However, the Ministers also agree with the Bank that even 12.5 per cent is too inflationary.

Attempting to identify the source of the rise in the means of payment, the Sanbar report mentions the large increase in transfers of private capital from overseas, such

Presidents' Club due here today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Presidents' Conference of Leaders of the 30 major American Jewish organizations is to open a special session in Jerusalem tomorrow, the first time it has ever held a meeting in Israel.

The 38 Jewish leaders participating, headed by the current chairman, Jacob Stein, are due today. The object of their three-day visit during Israel's 25th Anniversary year is to study the country's development at first hand and to confer with all senior Cabinet ministers.

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Police claim they've solved Jlem murder

Jerusalem District police yesterday called a press conference to claim they have enough evidence against a man they are holding to bring him to trial for the murder of a teacher in Kiryat Kovel last month. The police spokesman listed all the officers and sergeants who took part in the investigation and proceeded to detail evidence they will be bringing before the court if and when the suspect is brought to trial.

The spokesman admitted that the investigation is not complete.

The teacher, Dalia Markovitch, 38, was found dead in her flat at 18 Rehov Stern in the southwest suburb of Jerusalem on November 8.

A man of 22 is in custody but has not been charged.

Earlier the police secured the remains in custody of 40-year-old Menahem Friedberg as a suspect in the murder. Judge Dan Belz agreed to remand him for five days on November 10 — even though he thought the evidence was slight.

Rishon pays tribute to Rothschilds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — Baron Edmond de Rothschild was yesterday made a Freeman of Rishon Lezion. Mayor Hanania Gibetien read out the Municipality's decision from Hebrew and English decorative leather scrolls.

"We are conferring freedom of the town upon you, on the 90th anniversary of the establishment of Rishon Lezion, as an expression of the gratitude of one of this country's pioneer settlements to the Rothschild family. Thanks to its vision and generosity, these settlements paved the way to Jewish national redemption," the Mayor said.

Earlier in the day Baron Rothschild visited the grave of his uncle, Ephraim de Rothschild. He then attended a special session of the Municipal Council, where he was presented with a 90th Anniversary coin of Rishon Lezion, a small flag of the city, and an album of photographs depicting the ties of the Rothschild family with Rishon Lezion. Baron Rothschild also visited the Carmel Mikrahi wine cellars, which were financed by the Rothschilds.

The Municipality held a reception in honor of Baron and Baroness de Rothschild which was attended by the Inspector-General of Police, Rav-Nitzav Shaul Rosolio; high ranking police officers; judges and city officials.

20 terrorists rounded up in Gaza Strip

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Security forces in the Gaza Strip have broken up a sabotage ring affiliated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, arresting 20 persons.

The army spokesman revealed yesterday the arrests were made last month in the refugee camps of Muzai, Deir el-Balah, Nuseirat and Khan Yunis. Considerable amounts of weapons and explosives were found in the suspects' possession, the spokesman said. Also confiscated were large quantities of PFLP propaganda leaflets.

The ring was believed responsible for a number of sabotage incidents in the Gaza Strip.

Last week six PFLP members were arrested in Lydda.

Five held for ambush of truck near Ramallah

Jerusalem Post Reporter

FIVE residents of Judea were remanded yesterday for five days on suspicion of firing at a truck transporting workers to their homes at Beit Likhya, near Ramallah.

A police officer told the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court that a man dressed in combat fatigues and armed with a sub-machinegun had tried to stop the truck as it approached Beit Likhya to pick up the workers on the morning of November 8. The driver drove on without stopping.

But when the truck brought the workers home that afternoon it encountered a road-block made of stones on a dirt road some 500 metres from the village. The driver and a passenger got off to remove the block and were fired at with an automatic weapon. The two men dashed back into the truck, turned around and drove away. No one was hurt.

The police later found empty cartridges corresponding to those found at the same site about 18 months ago, when a local man was wounded by an unknown gunman.

Police said they tracked down the suspects after two cars as those they had seen in the vicinity at the time of the ambush. The ambush is believed to have been intended to "punish" the men for working in Israel. (Him)

Prefabricated duplexes here from Yugoslavia

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A shipment of 50 prefabricated houses from Yugoslavia arrived here yesterday on board the M.S. Urag. The duplexes, made of wood and plastic, are the last in a series of 150 ordered by the Housing Ministry to be put up in an immigrant housing estate in Afula.

The Jerusalem Post that the Yugoslav firm had been given the contract following an international tender published by the Ministry, for which 60 firms competed. The one-storey buildings each contain two apartments of 60 to 70 sq. metres each. While their cost is similar to that of conventionally built apartments, they take only three to four months to put up.

The Ministry has provided the foundations, and the houses themselves are being put up by representatives of the Yugoslav suppliers. The Ministry Spokesman expected the project to be completed within three months, when immigrants are to move in.

Diplomat Hotel locks out waiters who walked off jobs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 50 waiters who walked off their jobs at the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem without warning last Wednesday have been locked out.

Mrs. Dvora Ganani, spokeswoman for Shif Enterprises, operators of the Diplomat, told The Post last night: "The men came back the following day, but we refused to re-hire them... anyway, things are slow at the hotel now and we are managing very well with the waiters we recruited from our other hotels."

The trouble erupted Wednesday afternoon, just as Tourism Minister Moshe Kol was about to have dinner with one of two foreign congresses being held at the Diplomat at the time. The waiters were told that part of the "extra service" bonus due to be added to their pay would be withheld and added to future pay cheques.

(According to the nationwide agreement between hotels and the Histadrut, waiters' basic salaries are augmented by bonuses based on the volume of business at the hotel at any given time. Since the Diplomat Hotel anticipated lean months in the winter, it advised its waiters it would hold back part of the current bonuses and add them to their pay when earnings are seasonally much lower.)

The waiters, most of them from East Jerusalem, refused to accept this arrangement and, according to Mrs. Ganani, even refused to discuss it with the management. They just left their stations suddenly, and administrative workers of the hotel had to serve the guests at dinner. Later, replacement workers were brought in from other Shif hotels

throughout the country. (Some were even flown in by helicopter from the Dolphin House in Shavei Zion.)

The spokesman for the Jerusalem Labour Council told The Post last night: "As soon as the trouble began some of our people went out there. We tried to explain to the workers that in this instance the management was within its rights, and was doing exactly what other hotel managements all over Israel are doing... they were not violating their agreement with the Hotel Workers Union. But the waiters refused to listen to reason and just walked away."

Israel to open consulate-gen'l in Hongkong

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

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Ribicoff meets Chief of Staff

Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. Senator Abraham Ribicoff (Dem.-Conn.), in Israel as guest of the Foreign Ministry, met with the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, in Tel Aviv yesterday.

He arrived Saturday night and stayed at his hotel in Tel Aviv yesterday, apart from the meeting with the Chief of Staff.

Today Mr. Ribicoff comes to Jerusalem to lunch with the Prime Minister and meet with Deputy Premier Allon and Communications Minister Peres.

Tomorrow he is to confer with Finance Minister Sapir and Foreign Minister Eban.

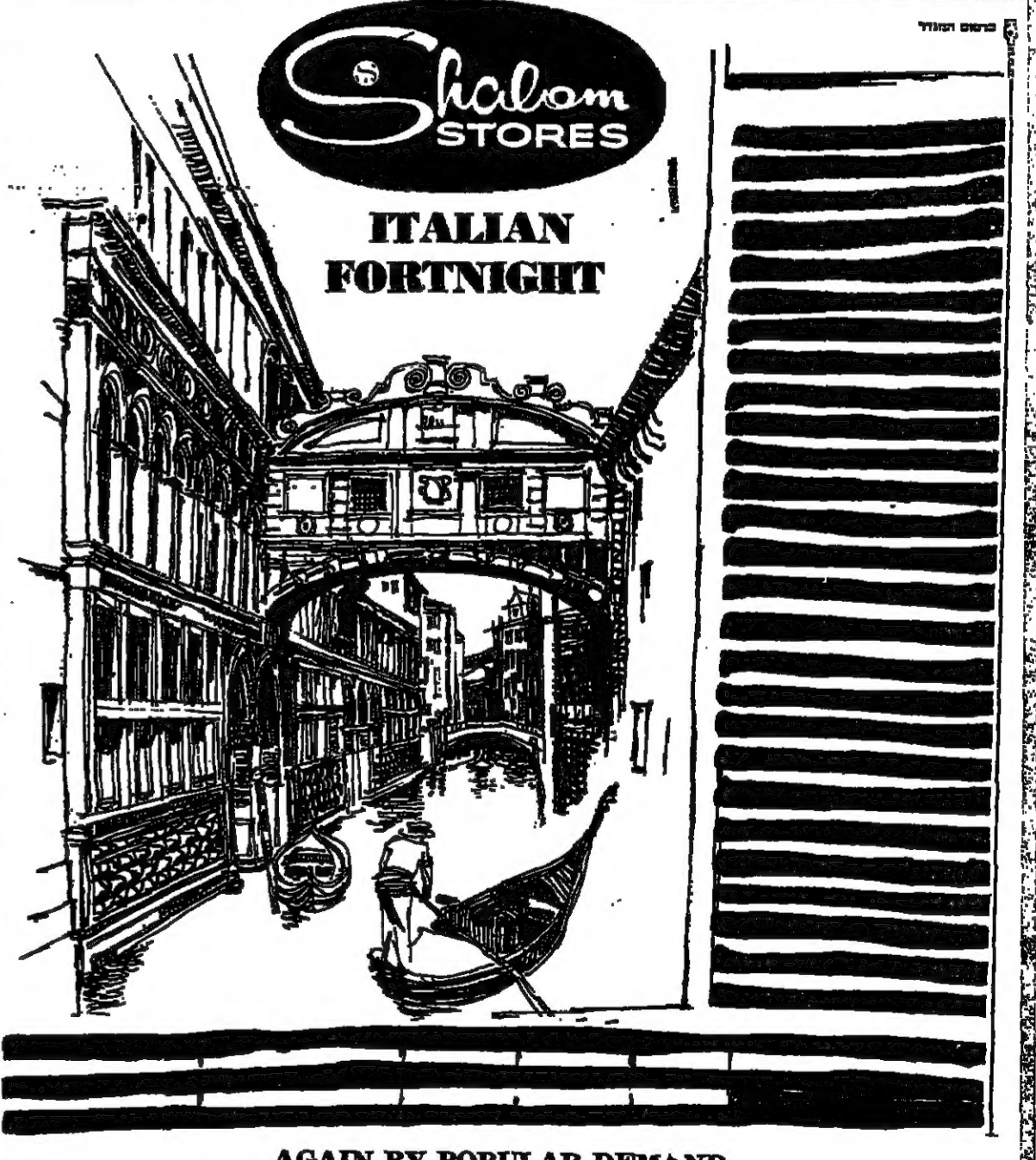
Eban to attend Socialist Int'l in London next month

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abba Eban will be going to London in the first half of December to represent the Israel Labour Party at the executive meeting of the Socialist International. (The Prime Minister, Mrs. Meir, is a vice-president of the International.)

Before that, Mr. Eban is going to a South American country on an official visit, but the Foreign Ministry spokesman would not divulge yesterday which country he was going to.

The Foreign Minister has not yet decided whether to attend the Middle East debate at the U.N. General Assembly, which opens on November 28.



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Third generation now contributes to Toy Fund

The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund is 24 years old; small wonder we now have grandchildren carrying on the tradition. All the years of the Toy Fund the Stein children of Gen Yoram have been faithful contributors. Now, writes Ursula Stein, "we have another soldier in the family — Ehud, who for many, many years collected his books and toys and sent them to you. So your contribution of IL8 ("half") is for Ehud, who stands watch on our borders, and for our young grandsons, Giddy and Rani. May they also grow up with your Toy Fund, as my own children did."

As we watch contributions coming in, it is ever so heartwarming to see the same names year after year — although an ever increasing number are in memory of those who have passed on but whose family and friends continue the tradition. But in the last years many newcomers have joined the ranks.

Yesterday's contributions came to IL1,002, which brings the total so far to IL4,731. Only 11 more days till the first candle is lit.

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IL 150 — To all our grandchildren with love — Frä and Hank de Vries, Jerusalem.

IL 50 — Paula Potovsky, Jerusalem in memory of my late husband, Mordecai, and my daughter, Tamara, who lost her life in the Warsaw Ghetto. Selma Wollenberger, Kiryat Savid — in memory of my dear husband and my dear sister, Rosa Dvora Herzl, Kiryat Savid. In loving memory of Miriam and David Goldstein of Sarasota, Florida, now in Rehovot.

IL 40 — In memory of Ida and Jacob Wolf, Kiryat Savid. Doron and Sharon, from their grandparents.

IL 25 — For Ken, who loved children, from the Klatschitz family; 6 O'clock Club of Kiryat Savid; parent and Bar; Samuel Bahmani; Oms; for her grandsons, Jerusalem; Werner; Shlomo; Shana Grant — in memory of my beloved husband, Eli J. Grant; Miriam; in memory of my sister Margot; Marda Schuster — in memory of my beloved son, Haifa, N.W.; N.N.; Burton Halpern, Tel Aviv; Frieda Epstein of Chicago, now in Herzliya.

IL 20 — Bental Family, Haifa. In memory of darling Rabel and baby Martin. Sara and Hana, Haifa — in memory of their grandmother, Rosa Bloom, who regularly contributed in their names. For Susie, Jackie, Claire and Kathy, from Ima. In memory of Stella Arnold — from Miriam Goldschmidt, Ganai Yam.

IL 10 — For our grandchildren, Orth, Enoch and Eran Shamir. For the Bat Mirva of Tammy Steel Milburn, from the Schmei Family, Jerusalem. Grandparents: Eilat, Haifa, Eyal and Federico Bauer, Jerusalem — in memory of Rosa Glickmann. Mrs. Kay Windmiller — Haifa, for Shabar, Inbal, Tali and Ma'ayan.

IL 5 — Mrs. Zayit, Tel Aviv. Aliza, Haifa. Mrs. Aviva Aizik, also our Great Dana Milla, Haifa.

A NEW DAY-CARE centre for children from 1½ to four years of age was dedicated yesterday in Kiryat Sharetz (Holon) in the presence of leaders of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo and officials of the Ministry of Labour.

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I.R.A. Chief of Staff arrested in Dublin Coptic church fire report

DUBLIN (UPI). — Police yesterday arrested Sean MacStiofain, Chief of Staff of the Provisional Wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), a spokesman said.

He said police seized MacStiofain, one of the brains behind the Provisionals' guerrilla campaign in Northern Ireland, at 4:30 a.m. yesterday. He was taken to Brixton Prison and held under the conditions against the state act, which allows detention for 48 hours before any specific charge is placed.

MacStiofain, 45 and at the top of the list of wanted men in Northern Ireland, has several times eluded police and soldiers in the province.

In a recent interview with United Press International, the burly, broad-shouldered MacStiofain said he expected to be arrested soon. "The special branch have been reaching out for me," he said. "They have raised several houses I've been in recently and I expect they will pick me up one of these days," he said.

In 1953 he was sentenced to six years in prison in England for a raid on an army post. It was after this that he changed his name from

John Stevenson to the Gaelic version, Sean MacStiofain.

He made a public appearance three weeks ago in Dublin at the annual meeting of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA. Although police had surrounded the hall they made no attempt to arrest him at that time.

The Sinn Fein movement is allowed to operate in the Irish Republic, but the IRA, itself is illegal.

MacStiofain and the Provisionals' Belfast commander, Seamus Twomey, have accelerated the campaign of bombings, sniping and assassination by which the IRA hopes to separate Northern Ireland from Britain and unite it with the Irish Republic.

More than 1,000 Catholic demonstrators, enraged by the arrest of MacStiofain, clashed with troops and police during a march into Belfast city centre yesterday.

"Out of the way, British murderers," came the chants as the crowd defied a British government ban and moved toward Belfast City Hall, hurling bricks, bottles and rocks. Troops responded with volleys of rubber bullets.

It was a march sponsored by People's Democracy, a Catholic civil rights group based at Queens University, to protest continued internment without trial of more than 200 suspected IRA men.

The marchers failed to get through to City Hall as it faced a phalanx of Saracen armoured cars and tanks of British troops, who stood fast. But there was sniping and punching of the troops. Then the crowd moved back towards the Falls Road, still hurling abuse at the soldiers. Once there the marchers dispersed.

Three bombs exploded in the last 48 hours in Belfast despite stepped-up security. The largest, in downtown Belfast, blew out the front of the cooperative store in Donegal Street.

CAIRO (AP). — President Sadat has received an initial report on the recent Coptic church fire and incidents that followed it, the authoritative newspaper "Al-Ahram" reported yesterday. It added Sadat will receive the head of the investigating committee and Parliament Speaker Hafes Badawi today to further discuss the report.

"Al-Ahram" gave no further details. The seven-man committee met Saturday with Religious Endowment Minister Sheikh Abdel Halim Mahmoud and a number of Moslem and Coptic leaders to discuss the issue, the Cairo press reported. The church was burned in the Cairo suburb of Khanka 12 days ago and this was followed by attacks on houses and shops belonging to Copts, informed sources said.

An official statement said the Ministry of Social Affairs had ordered urgent aid for families "victimized in the Khanka incidents."

Since the affair was made public a week ago, the Cairo press has been warning people of "sectarian strife." Yesterday analyst Ahmed Bahaa Eddin wrote in "Al-Ahram" that "Israel is exerting all its efforts towards dividing the whole Arab nation into Moslem — Coptic — Arab — Kurdish sects in order to clear the way for a Jewish community to live in peace."



Followers of Juan Peron march along highway leading to Buenos Aires shortly after he had arrived from Rome. (AP radiophoto)

BODYGUARD DIES 100,000 GATHER AT PERON'S HOME

BUEENOS AIRES (AP). — Juan Domingo Peron appeared periodically yesterday at a third-floor window to speak to the crowd of followers camped near his suburban home.

The number swelled on Saturday night to 50,000 chanting, cheering people welcoming Peron home from 17 years in exile. Newsmen estimated that as many as 100,000 people visited Peron's home on Saturday for at least a few minutes.

By dawn, only 1,000 were loitering or sleeping on the sidewalks near the Tudor-style, \$96,000 house recently purchased for the former Argentine president by his followers. They came quickly to life with cheers of "Our Life for Peron" when the former president made his first appearance at 8:30 a.m.

The crowd had swelled to 2,000 at noon and continued to grow in the afternoon. Most were less than 30 years old.

A loudspeaker system installed yesterday morning at Peron's home

eased the strain on the ex-president's voice and carried his brief speeches to the entire neighbourhood.

Peron appeared at the window every two hours, remaining a few minutes each time. He dwelt on youth, saying young people were "gold" and "Argentina's future." In a hoarse voice, he said "I'm a bit tired" and asked the enthusiastic crowd to stop beating the bongo drums many carried. He also admonished the throng to remain orderly "because there are many children, young women and ladies whom we have to take care of."

Peronist unions provided ambulances for the 50 people who fainted or were injured in the crush on Saturday. One of Peron's bodyguards, Roberto Julio J. De Laet, 55, died of a heart attack yesterday. Peronist youth groups directed traffic and the crowd. "Suburb of Peron" appeared painted on homes throughout Vicente Lopez, the real name of the well-to-do suburb where Peron is living.

Dalmiro Sanes, a well-known writer, Dr. Miguel Bellid, the first Argentine surgeon to do a heart transplant, and Chunchuna Villafane, a famous local actress, were among the celebrities mingled in the throng.

No violence was reported despite the rush of people to Peron's white brick house after Argentina's military government on Saturday afternoon removed the huge security force surrounding Peron.

The military's decision was a result of Peronist charges that the excessive security "imprisoned" Peron and kept him from "contact with his people." The government said that henceforth Peron will have only the two or three policemen normally assigned to a former president.

On politics, Peron said: "We prefer disorder with liberty to order with slavery. For us, order is only a means and we don't want to fall into the mediocrity of considering that order is an end in itself."

The reference was to President Alejandro Lanusse's military government which normally prohibits outdoor mass meetings under a long-standing state of siege. The military junta frequently issues policy statements stressing the importance of public order. Despite the state of siege, police kept away from the crowd around Peron's home.

Indefinite strike by world airline pilots possible

ACAPULCO, Mexico (UPI). — World airline pilots may go on "indefinite strike" if nothing is done to stop air piracy, Capt. Ola Forsberg, president of the International Federation of Airline Pilots (IFALPA), said Saturday.

Forsberg, a Finnish pilot, speaking at a two-day annual meeting of the New York Airlines Public Relations Association, said more immediate action was necessary "if the threat of hijacking and air extortion is to be stopped."

"We must get an enforcement convention as soon as possible and use all means available to obtain it," he added.

As to strike action by the world's airline pilots, Forsberg said it was unlikely any such action would be taken prior to the U.S. Airline Pilots' Association convention beginning in Las Vegas November 27, or IFALPA's special conference in Mexico City on December 12 and 13.

If a strike did get underway, it would be unlike the international stoppage of last June 19, which lasted 24 hours, Forsberg said. "The next one would be of indefinite duration."

But he said he was "very optimistic" international action against "hijacking will be taken and a new work stoppage avoided."

Robbers argue over loot, end up in jail

BARCELONA (UPI). — Police yesterday arrested two Moroccans on charges of robbery after a tip-off that two men were having a heated discussion about splitting the money, police sources said.

Hassan Bouzar, 23, and Hassan Mourad, 26, were arrested when a neighbour reported them to police for causing a public nuisance with their noisy debate.

At the police station they met Ernest John Tookey, 32, a British Naval officer from the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, who identified them as the two who earlier had attacked and robbed him of \$30.

Greece seeking frigates, arms from Britain

LONDON (AP). — Greece is seeking large-scale arms deals with Britain, the "Sunday Telegraph" reported.

Norman Kirkham, diplomatic correspondent of the usually authoritative newspaper, said Greece was likely to order a \$12m missile frigate "in the next few months."

An order for a second frigate is possible, he said, "and Greece has been inquiring about the purchase of Anglo-French Jaguar fighters."

Amorite-period bronze bowl found

BEIRUT (Reuters). — A group of students at the American University of Beirut has discovered artifacts dating back more than 3,000 years, the University announced yesterday.

It said the find was made at the site of Tel al-Ghassasi, in the Bekaa Valley of central Lebanon. Digging at the site began in 1956.

This year's discovery included a bronze bowl which according to the University dated back to 1800 B.C.E. when the Amorite Civilization flourished. Previous finds included such items as pottery, painted bowls, bronze arrowheads, needles and rods, the University said.

New Moroccan gov't RABAT (Reuters).

Morocco's premier-designate, Mr. Ahmed Osman, yesterday presented to King Hassan his new government composed of independents after failing to persuade the nation's political parties to join a coalition.

The new government is virtually a reshuffle of the previous government led by Mr. Mohamed Karim Karami which was appointed in the wake of last year's abortive army coup against King Hassan in the resort of Sikkirat.

North Vietnam guns blast Quang Tri area

SARIGON (UPI). — Communist gunners pounded South Vietnamese Marines near Quang Tri city over the weekend with the heaviest artillery barrages since the provincial capital was recaptured by the South on September 16, field reports said.

The reports said the Communists fired 2,700 130 mm. artillery and 82 mm. mortar rounds on Saturday and yesterday on marine positions near the city, 640 kms. north of Saigon. Seven South Vietnamese marines were reported killed and 42 wounded.

U.S. fighter-bombers flew 70 sorties over northern areas of South Vietnam on Saturday, but could not help the marines near Quang Tri because of bad weather.

Fifteen South Vietnamese were said killed and 93 wounded during the 24-hour period that ended at dawn yesterday in the five-province northern front. Communist deaths were listed as 81 killed, mostly around Quang Tri city.

Southeast of Quang Tri city, eight Soviet-made rockets crashed into and around the American-South Vietnamese air base at Da Nang. Military spokesman said one house was damaged.

Only 19 kms. east of Saigon, Communist forces yesterday ambushed about 60 men — killing five of them, military sources said.

The Saigon command said seven persons were killed and 10 wounded

in four widely-separated Communist attacks on populated areas Saturday and yesterday.

In the most serious incident, a bomb exploded on Saturday in a restaurant near Hieu Thien, 53 kms northwest of Saigon, killing five persons and injuring two, the command said.

South Vietnamese troops reported they killed 24 Communist soldiers in skirmishes near Cai Lay in the Mekong Delta 77 kms. southwest of Saigon. Seven South Vietnamese were listed as killed in the fighting in the Central Highlands. Communist leveled a ground and mortar attack on South Vietnamese infantry men near Thanh Giao, 32 kms southwest of Pleiku and about 336 kms. northeast of Saigon, military spokesmen said. The South Vietnamese called in air and artillery support and killed at least 18 Communist troops.

Continuing monsoon weather kept U.S. tactical air raids over North Vietnam down to 40 sorties Saturday, compared to 300 earlier in the week. The U.S. command said nine B-52 heavy bomber missions of three planes each were flown against the North, the command said.

The U.S. air force said yesterday an American helicopter defied Communist fire to pick up two pilots downed in North Vietnam. An American force spokesman said the rescue took place near the Communist port of Thanh Hoa.

Half of Japanese voters below 40

TOKYO (UPI). — Japan begins a three-week general election campaign today, with "postwar generation" voters under the age of 40 in a majority for the first time.

Of the 73.7 million Japanese eligible to vote on election day on December 10, 36.8 million are less than 40 years old, according to the Ministry of Welfare. They comprise 50.5 per cent of the electorate, compared to about 38 per cent at the last general election in 1969.

The "youth vote" is a source of anxiety to politicians campaigning for the 492 seats in the Lower House of Parliament. The party capturing a majority of the seats controls the government.

Former Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, 75, seeking to retain his seat in a rural province, has taken to letting his hair grow longer, and wearing modern wide neckties.

"They say the older voters don't like long hair but the younger ones do," said Mr. Sato, who was conservative about his clothes and hair-

cuts until his resignation as Prime Minister in July.

Polls indicate that Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, 54, who replaced Mr. Sato in July, will lead the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (L.D.P.) to another majority, a control of the government for a fourth year.

Mr. Tanaka heads the ruling C.F.D. which has not lost a general election since Japan regained independence in 1951. L.D.P., which follows business-oriented policies at home and favors close ties with the U.S. foreign affairs, held 287 of the 492 seats when Mr. Tanaka dissolved Parliament and ordered the election on November 13.

Other seats were divided among the Japan Socialist Party 57, the Buddhist-oriented Kometo Party 4 and the Democratic Socialist Party 4 and the Communist Party 14. There are 14 vacancies and three seats are held by independents.

Soviet call for renewed ties with Albania

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union has called for a restoration of bilateral contacts with Albania, China's staunch ally in Europe.

"Life has shown that such an unnatural situation for socialist states does not respond either to the interests of Albania or the Soviet Union and objectively is harmful to the cause of Socialism," an article in the influential weekly magazine "Novoe Vremya" (New Times) said yesterday.

"It is obvious that the restoration of direct bilateral contacts could considerably help to remove many obstacles in Soviet-Albanian relations and gradually carry out the return to friendly co-operation of both countries."

The comments came less than two weeks before Albania celebrates its 25th anniversary as a Communist state, on November 30. The Soviets have been using the occasion as an opportunity to extend the

oliva branch.

Relations between the Soviet Union and the tiny Balkan nation were suspended in 1961 after Albania sided with Peking in the Sino-Soviet ideological struggle. Ties were finally broken in early 1971 after the Albanians seized the Soviet Embassy buildings in Tirana.

The Soviets began expressing interest in settling the dispute by a notation just before Albania's 25th anniversary in 1969.

Soviet Communist party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev reiterated the desire at the 24th party Congress in April, 1971, saying "to Albania, we are ready as before to restore normal relations."

The gesture indicated no Soviet warming up to China itself. Just a week ago, the same magazine one of the sharpest attacks months, blasted China for trying to counter all the Krenin's foreign policy moves.

U.N. attention focused on int'l terror debate

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — With four weeks to go until adjournment of its 27th session, the General Assembly intensified its committee work yesterday to cope with the remaining issues on its agenda.

Attention was focused on the continuing debate on international terrorism in the legal committee which scheduled a meeting tonight to hear some of about 50 speakers still lined up to discuss the problem. It was expected to finish the debate by Wednesday and then consult a few days before deciding on some action against international terrorism, including aircraft hijacking.

The Security Council scheduled a meeting tomorrow morning on the African proposal for an arms embargo against Portugal until it begins negotiations with the liberation movements in its African territories for an early transfer of

power. The resolution is cosponsored by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan.

The Assembly's main political committee is to deal with further disarmament issues: the problem of chemical and biological weapons at the Soviet proposal for a world disarmament conference. In the budgetary committee the discussion will continue on the U.S. proposal for a 25 per cent ceiling on contributions of U.N. members to the regular budget.

The membership application of Bangladesh was scheduled to go into the plenary by the end of the or early next week.

A resolution circulated here Saturday would have the General Assembly put Japan on the advisory commission for the U.N. Relief for Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

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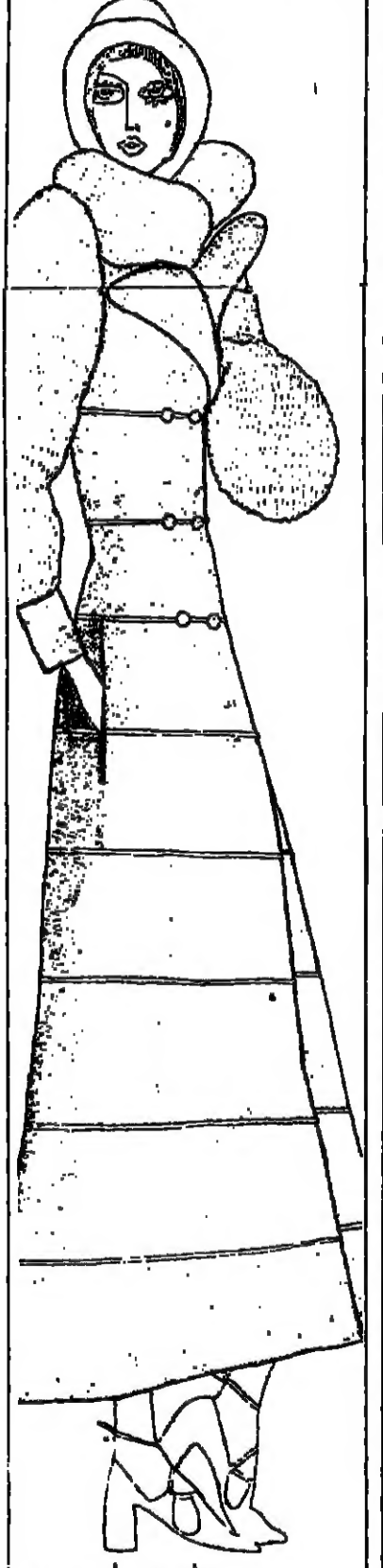
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South Korea gets ready for referendum

SEOUL (UPI). — The South Korean Government yesterday withdrew military tanks, armoured vehicles and soldiers posted at major government and private offices since the October 17 martial law proclamation, a Government spokesman said.

The move came two days before a national referendum on new constitutional amendments aimed at giving more power to the president, reducing parliamentary power and allowing unrestricted terms for the chief executive.

The voting date, tomorrow, coincides with the scheduled arrival of a 59-member North Korean Red Cross delegation for talks on uniting separated families in the two Koreas.

Jordan cancels order banning Syrian trucks

AMMAN (Reuters). — The Jordanian government has cancelled an order banning Syrian trucks from using Jordanian territory on their way back from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf, officials said here yesterday.

The order banning the trucks was issued last month and customs officials said then that it had been taken because the vehicles used Iraqi and Kuwaiti territory on their way to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

The vehicles were supposed to use the same way back and not through Jordanian territory, they added.

No reason for the cancellation of the order was given, but officials said yesterday that Syrian trucks could now use Jordan on their return even if they had used Iraqi and Kuwaiti territory on their journey out.



1973 Kaplan Prize

The Kaplan Prize Committee invites nominations of candidates for the 1973 prize. The prize, which is in memory of Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's first Minister of Finance, will be awarded during "Efficiency Week," May 1973.

NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

- Enterprises: Outstanding achievements in: increasing output and improving product quality; efficient management and organization; time saving in work and manufacturing procedures; economies in equipment, materials, and fuel; economies in general expenses; development of advanced technology; development of new products and processes; economic achievements obtained by applying efficiency methods and/or innovations.
- Institutions: Economic and commercial achievements obtained by applying efficiency methods and scientific management; economies in general expenses; outstanding achievements in efficient management and organization; streamlining of procedures; outstanding service and courtesy; innovation in all fields.
- Individuals and Teams: For efficiency; for inventions and improvements leading to reduction of physical effort and improvement of work procedures; for economic resource conservation; for outstanding contributions to the improvement of human relations in an enterprise or institution; for outstanding improvements contributing to the advancement and efficiency of an enterprise or institution; for presenting an example to workers in an enterprise, trade, or branch.

KAPLAN PRIZE COMMITTEE: PROCEDURE

- The Kaplan Prize Committee is a public committee, appointed by the Minister of Labour, which functions within the framework of the Israel Institute of Productivity.
- In its deliberations, the Committee will take account of the importance of the subject involved, the contribution made to the economy as a whole, the originality and degree of innovation shown, the economic and social significance, and economies derivable in materials and costs.
- The Committee is not bound to award the prize to any nominee whose name it has recommended. It is not obliged to justify its decisions, which are subject to confirmation by the Minister of Labour.
- The Committee is not obliged to return to the proposer materials submitted to it in connection with a nomination.
- The Committee may commend any nominee who is not awarded the Kaplan Prize, without incurring any obligation thereby.

GUIDE

Materials presented to the Committee should be arranged in the form of a report, three separate copies of which should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee. Each copy should be enclosed in a separate folder. The following information should be shown on the cover of each folder:

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- The report should be typed on white rag paper, double spaced, and with wide margins.
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- The report should be signed by the person presenting it.

FORM OF THE REPORT:

The report should be presented in a clear concise style, with the following layout:

- A contents page giving chapter headings.
- An introduction, containing an explanation of the subject, its importance and the scope of the proposal.
- Body of the report describing the achievements on the basis of which nomination is made.

NOTES

- Nominations should be forwarded to: The Secretary to the Kaplan Prize Committee, Israel Institute of Productivity, P.O.B. 33010, Tel Aviv, to arrive not later than February 1.
- Any necessary additional explanations may be obtained from the Secretary to the Committee at Room 54, 4th Floor, Herzlita Soid Street, Tel Aviv, or by contacting Tel. (03) 523291, Ext. 221.

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A senior cosmetician of the Max Factor company is in Israel, and is now giving professional, authoritative advice, based on the latest trends in Europe's fashion centres. Rahel Pollet is visiting Israel as part of her European tour, during which she is advising on the new winter make-up.

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New York furrier kills partner, jumps to his death

NEW YORK (Reuter). — A middle-aged businessman jumped 26 floors to his death on Saturday after police said he had just killed his partner and had no wish to spend the rest of his life in jail.

Sam Burns, a 56-year-old furrier, stabbed his partner to death in his office with a skinning knife, then drove to a tall apartment block in the Bronx.

A resident saw him clinging to a narrow ledge and called police, who spent an hour trying to talk him down.

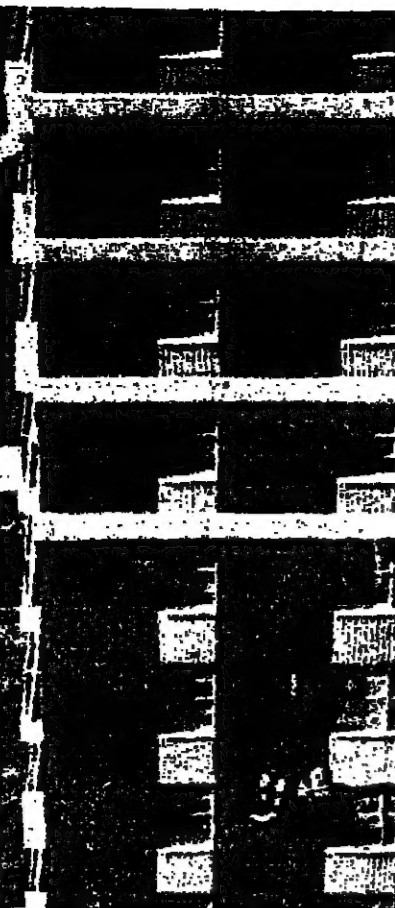
But Burns finally shouted: "I know you guys think I'm an extremist, you think I'm not going to jump, but I'm going."

Then he plunged to the ground, landing a net held by police below about one metre.

Police went to Burns' Manhattan office after he jumped and found the body of his partner Jules Roth, buried in a pile of fur coats.

Detectives said there was no apparent motive for the murder. Relatives said the partners had apparently been getting along well and were in no financial difficulties.

When police involved in the rooftop confrontation asked Burns why he wanted to commit suicide, he replied: "I just killed my partner. I don't want to spend the rest of my life in prison."



Sam Burns, 56, just jumped off the roof of a 26-storey building in the Bronx when photo above was snapped by Tom Cunningham of the "New York Daily News." Seconds later, photographer Christopher Hagedorn took the second photo, at left, as Burns was about halfway to the ground. (AP radiophoto)

Fought own vice-president nomination Truman didn't want back door to White House, daughter says

NEW YORK (AP). — Harry S. Truman fought against his own nomination as Vice-President of the U.S. in 1944 because he knew President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a sick man, and Truman did not want to go into the White House "through the back door," his daughter says.

In her forthcoming biography of her father, Margaret Truman Daniel says that after accepting the nomination at Roosevelt's telephone insistence, Truman visited the President at the White House on Aug. 18, 1944, and was "appalled" at his physical condition.

"The President had just returned from a Pacific inspection trip," Margaret wrote, in excerpts of the book in "Life" Magazine, which are appearing this week and next.

"It had been an exhausting ordeal for him, and he had suffered, we now know, at least one cardiac seizure during the journey."

"My father told close friends how the President's hands shook so badly at the luncheon that he could not get the cream from the pitcher into his coffee. He spilled most of it into the saucer.

"He talked with difficulty. 'It doesn't seem to be any mental lapse of any kind, but physically he's just going to pieces,' Dad said. I'm very much concerned about him."

Roosevelt died of a stroke on April 12, 1945, at Warm Springs, Georgia. His doctor said later that Roosevelt suffered from congestive heart failure for the final year of his life. There have been reports that Roosevelt suffered a heart attack in June, 1944, but his sons denied it.

Margaret said that 10 days before the July Democratic Convention in Chicago, her father had written her a letter which indicated that he knew Roosevelt was a sick man.

"Yes," Truman wrote, "they are plotting against your Dad. Every columnist prognosticator is trying to

make him VP (Vice-President) against his will.

"It is funny how some people would give a fortune to be as close as I am to it, and I don't want it. Hope I can dodge it. 1,800 Pennsylvania is a nice address, but I'd rather not move in through the back door — or any other door at 60."

Margaret says that Roosevelt's illness was on her father's mind when he remarked to a reporter: "Do you recall what happened to most Vice-Presidents who succeeded to the presidency? Usually they were ridiculed in office, had their hearts broken, lost any vestige of respect they had had before. I don't want that to happen to me."

Margaret says Democratic Chairman Bob Hannegan made repeated efforts to convince Truman that he was Roosevelt's choice, although Roosevelt avoided saying so publicly for fear of alienating backers of other aspirants.

Finally, Margaret wrote, "Hannegan summoned Truman to his Chicago hotel room and put through a phone call to Roosevelt at the White House.

"He wanted my father to speak to FDR personally," she wrote. "Dad refused. But he sat there, listening with astonishment while FDR's always formidable telephone voice came clearly into the room.

"Bob, have you got that fellow lined up yet?"

"No," said Mr. Hannegan. "He is the contrariest Missouri mule I've ever dealt with."

"Well, you tell him if he wants to break up the Democratic Party in the middle of a war, that's his responsibility."

"There was a click and the phone was dead. My father got up, walked back and forth for a moment and then said, 'Well, if that is the situation, I'll have to say yes. But why the hell didn't he tell me in the first place?'"

Brandt neglected Israel ties, security for German Jews

BONN (Reuter). — The German Christian Democrat (CDU) opposition published a polling-day advertisement yesterday demanding more internal security for West German Jews and claiming that Chancellor Willy Brandt has neglected friendship with Israel.

The advertisement was in yesterday's edition of the right-wing newspaper "Welt am Sonntag."

Half the advertisement was taken up by a photograph showing the late C.D.U. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer — who began West Germany's post-war reconciliation with

Israel — with former Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion in New York 12 years ago.

It said Mr. Brandt's left-liberal coalition government released three Arab terrorists involved in the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympic games "without great hesitation."

The arson attack on a Jewish old people's home in Munich 2½ years ago in which seven people died had also not been atoned for, the advertisement said.

"We make no accusation. But we deplore: Chancellor Brandt had no word three years ago in his government statement on Israel. No word on the special obligations of the (West German) Federal Republic towards Israel which Konrad Adenauer once undertook towards Ben-Gurion," it said.

"The Brandt-Scheel government has neglected this policy of reconciliation and friendship with Israel. We want to see this heritage of Dr. Adenauer fulfilled in the future: peace and friendship with Israel."

The advertisement said West German Jews should be protected through more internal security in the country, "which has become a secondary battle site for Arab terrorists who work closely with German radical left-wing groups."

'Legendary' Burtons get Valentino prize

LECCE, Italy (Reuter). — Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor were on Saturday night presented with Italy's Rudolph Valentino international cinema award, given annually to stars "likely to become legendary."

The award, called the "Golden Valentino," is awarded by a jury of Italian journalists and film critics.

Lecce is about 60 kms. from Castellana, where Rodolfo Pietro Filiberto Guglielmi was born in 1885.

After changing his name to Rudolph Valentino, he became one of the cinema's great screen lovers in the 1920s.

The Burtons flew here by private plane from Rome, where Burton is filming "Death in Rome."

84 more policemen fired in Philippines

MANILA (AP). — Eighty-four more policemen, including seven chiefs of police, have been suspended by the Philippines police commission in its continuing drive to clean up "undesirable law enforcers," the department of public information announced yesterday.

This is the third group to be suspended. The first was of 114 policemen and the second, 158.

Three boys rape girl, 7, throw her from roof

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Three boys, aged 10, 11, and 12, were held here yesterday accused of raping a seven-year-old girl and throwing her to her death from the roof of a six-storey tenement building in a south Bronx slum.

The boys were alleged to have lured the girl and her nine-year-old sister to the roof as a pizza was on their way to buy a pizza. The older girl was molested, but managed to escape. A neighbor

heard the younger girl's screams, rushed to a window and saw her nude body lying in an alley below.

Her attackers escaped across rooftops and down the stairs of another building as a pack of snarling watchdogs kept police at bay on the ground floor. The dogs were kept by the building's superintendent to deter criminals.

Police later arrested the three boys.

State Department report says — Soviets supplied Egypt with \$350m. military aid in 1971

NEW YORK (INA). — The Soviet Union supplied Egypt with about \$350m. worth of military aid in 1971, as part of the build-up which began in 1970 and ended with the expulsion of Soviet military experts in July this summer, the "New York Times" reported on Saturday.

Quoting a study by the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the "Times" said that this sum represented one-third of

the \$1,100m. worth of military aid the Soviet Union supplied to less developed countries. This total does not include arms sales and deliveries to North Vietnam, North Korea, Cuba and the Eastern European countries in the Warsaw pact alliance, the newspaper added.

Iraq was the second largest recipient of Soviet military aid in 1971, followed by India, which fought her victorious war against Pakistan late last year, and by Afghanistan and Algeria.

While Soviet deliveries to Syria rose considerably in 1972, she received relatively small arms deliveries in 1971, well below Algeria.

Until July 1972, the report said, the Soviet Union maintained 16,480 military personnel, mostly advisers, in more than 12 countries. The largest group — 12,500 — was stationed in Egypt, but possibly as many as 10,000 Soviet military personnel left in July, after the ouster order issued by President Anwar Sadat.

There were reportedly 1,000 Soviet military personnel in Algeria, 800 in Syria and 400 in Iraq.

In addition, the State Department's study said, about 2,500 military trainers from 13 countries were in the Soviet Union in 1971. Intelligence officials said most of them were air force personnel.

Tora scroll drive in U.S.

NEW YORK (INA). — A campaign to gather Tora scrolls from synagogues throughout the U.S., to be used for Russian Jewish immigrant centres in Israel, has been launched by the Russian Immigrant Rescue Fund, a voluntary orthodox Jewish agency dedicated to "the spiritual absorption of Soviet olim."

Mr. Sander Kollitch, chairman of the fund, said this weekend that there is a need for Tora scrolls for new communities formed by recent immigrants from Russia. His committee will arrange for the transfer of the scrolls to the Russian Jewish immigrant areas, and the contributing American synagogues or groups will receive an acknowledgment directly from Israel.

More Volga Germans' reach West

BERLIN (AP). — The largest group of "Volga Germans" allowed to leave the Soviet Union for resettlement in West Germany passed through West Berlin yesterday.

Police said the group, travelling by rail, comprised 129 persons, including 86 children.

Chancellor Willy Brandt's government has secured Soviet release for several hundred such ethnic Germans living in Russia as part of its Ostpolitik of better relations with the Communist East.

There are an estimated 1.8 million Germans living in the Soviet Union, getting their name, "Volga Germans" from original settlements along the Volga river.

Greek students charge vote will be rigged by regime

ATHENS (Reuter). — The biggest election in Greece since the army seized power in April, 1967, will be held today, when the country's university students vote for executive boards of their local associations.

The students, numbering about 80,000, will choose representatives to succeed the government-appointed boards which have ruled them since the army coup.

The run-up to the election has been marked by clashes between opposing student factions, several arrests and accusations that the vote will be rigged by the military-backed regime.

Many politicians of the pre-coup period have backed the students, expressing fears about the electoral procedure. In a written statement to foreign correspondents yesterday, former Premier Stefanos Stephanopoulos, together with six former Ministers and the Speaker of the last Parliament, Mr. Dimitrios Pappayrou, denounced the government "for its attempt to reduce Greek students to a state of apathy and servility."

During faculty meetings last month to elect committees for the preparation of today's ballot, there were clashes between student groups opposed to the government and appointed representatives.

In Salonica, several students were arrested after a demonstration and clashes with police when they shouted "democracy, democracy."

They are expected to be tried by court martial because Salonica, together with Athens and Piraeus, is still under martial law imposed when the army staged its coup.

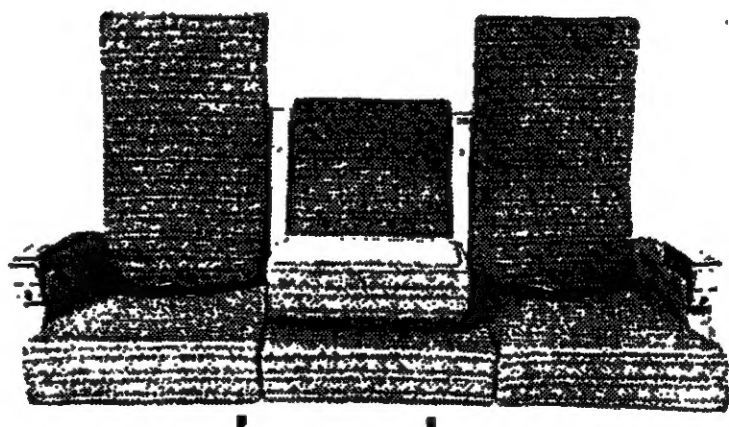
Several articles of the country's new constitution are still suspended, mainly those dealing with civil liberties, the functioning of political parties and parliamentary elections.

Demonstrations against the regime and strikes are banned under martial law, and observers here think this may deter students from demonstrating today.

Some student groups, feeling that ousting the appointed boards is a precondition for greater student rights and reform of the educational system, have alleged that the elections in most faculties will be rigged by the boards and security authorities.

Many students are complaining that the ballot boxes will be opened and the vote counted by supervisory committees appointed by the present executive boards. They have said that unless representatives of the candidates are allowed to be present, they will not recognize the election outcome.

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Long-distance medical consultations

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE A.T.V. — A general practitioner working in an outlying village can instantaneously tap the advisory opinion of a specialist located thousands of miles away if special equipment to transmit the facsimile picture is installed.

Professor Charles C. Grossman, a New York brain specialist visiting here, did just this last week.

Charts of brain waves had been transmitted to him from New York with the same way as a radio picture with the help of the Israel Ministry of Communications. After studying the charts and asking a few pertinent questions over a direct line to New York, Dr. Grossman gave his opinion.

This is believed to be the first time that a trans-Atlantic advisory opinion has been given in this fashion from Israel.

Dr. Grossman, who is president of the newly established Telediagnosis International Corporation, said that within a few years the process of long-distance transmission of medical charts, even colour pictures of slides, over an open line would allow one specialist to sit in his office and become the consultant for several hospitals. This would eliminate sending the patient to a large city hospital, and, most important, would allow the local physician to make a diagnosis and decide on a course of treatment.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Equipment to transmit a picture of a simple chart of brain waves can be rented today by a doctor for \$50 per month. It can be hooked to an ordinary telephone. For about \$400 per month the doctor can install a video-set, which will allow "live" transmission of information. Thus, the specialist can ask, for example, for an X-ray from a different angle, and so on. The results of the X-ray can be broadcast instantaneously to the consultant thousands of miles away. He can study it while the patient is waiting for another X-ray to be taken.

Since the machinery for developing prints of the X-rays may be much better (and certainly more expensive) in the consultant's office, the X-ray picture he develops will show much more than the one developed by the local physician on the spot, Dr. Grossman said.

MORE SENSITIVE

In several cases, X-ray pictures developed in the consultant's office had been so much more sensitive that it had revealed facts which the general practitioner could not see.

Prof. Grossman believed that the new method of tapping "live" specialists halfway around the world would help persuade many doctors now unwilling to go to small villages for fear of losing contact with others of their profession to change their opinions.



A soft drink after a hard day's play is often welcome, as Tracy and her two chimps will testify. (Camera Press)

Pistol-packing Arab girl freed in Rome

ROME (Reuters). — A Lebanese girl arrested in May at Rome's Fiumicino airport after being found carrying two pistols Saturday had her two-year prison sentence commuted to an eight months' suspended sentence by a Rome appeal court.

Twenty-one-year-old Jomaa el-Amki Kheirie arrived here from Canada on May 28. She was about to board a Pan American jet for Beirut when a metal detector through which she passed gave off a positive reading, and she was arrested.

At her trial last June she said she had been given the pistols by her father and did not know it was illegal to carry guns in Italy. Freed from Rome's Rebibbia jail, Miss Kheirie left for Beirut yesterday.

Gahal leader resigns from Haifa City Hall

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The leader of the Gahal faction in the Haifa Municipal Council, Walter Lindenstrauss, announced last week in a letter to the Mayor that he was resigning — for reasons of health.

His seat in the Council will be taken over by Gustav Badian, who served as a Gahal Councillor during the administration of the late Abba Khoushy. It is not yet known who will succeed Mr. Lindenstrauss as faction leader.

TRIPLETS. — A mother of 11 children, Madame Marie-Louise Mino-dier of Vienne, France, has given birth to triplets. The mother and babies, Cristelle, Claire and Catherine, are all doing well.

Bid to bar Brazil's bad-tempered bees

By NIGEL HAWKES

IN 1967 a beekeeper in Sao Paulo, Brazil, accidentally released 26 swarms of bees. This apparently harmless incident would have been forgotten long ago, had it not set off in Latin America a biological battle which has so far cost an uncounted number of lives, made thousands of beekeepers the poorer and put in danger the survival of many plant species.

For the bees which were set free were not the docile Italian honey bees which had formed the basis of the Brazilian honey industry. They were unpredictable, bad-tempered bees imported from Africa in an attempt to improve the local strains by cross-breeding. Once free, the African bees spread and multiplied, eliminating the Italian bees wherever they met them. They monopolized the flowers and even invaded other bee colonies, killing the queen and putting their own queen in her place.

The queen is so important to the colony that a single African queen introduced into an Italian colony can quickly alter the genetic balance of the entire population. What resulted was a Brazilian variant of the African bee, much like other bees to look at but dominated by the bad-tempered African genes. Since then the Brazilian hybrids have been spreading across the continent at the rate of 200 to 300 miles a year.

Their effect has been disastrous. The Brazilian bees can be domesticated like other bees, but they have inherited very demanding traits. To get into their hives for honey needs five-times as much of the tranquillizing smoke used by beekeepers. When roused, the Brazilian bee is capable of frightening displays of anger, stinging twenty to thirty times as frequently as a colony of Italian bees. Brazilian bees have killed dogs, chickens and horses, and human deaths from bee stings in Brazil have in recent years reached 300 to 400 a year.

The advancing bees are now moving inexorably towards the United States. A committee from the U.S. National Academy of Sciences has recently reported on possible ways of stopping them before they invade across the Isthmus of Panama. Already there has been one close escape, when a swarm of Brazilian bees on board a ship docking at Richmond, California, was destroyed before it could spread.

The effect of the bees, says the NAS report, would be to limit commercial bee-keeping, partly because of public fears about the bees' reputation. More important, however, might be the bees' effect on plants which rely on them for pollination. The Brazilian bees apparently cannot be trusted to stay in one area but while they are present they hinder the work of the native bees.

"Many species of plants would become extinct or, at best, relatively non-productive without insect pollination," the report says. "The value of honey-bee pollination to agriculture has been estimated at \$1,000 million to \$6,000 million annually in the United States."

The most likely way of stopping the bees, the committee suggests, would be to put up a "genetic barrier" across the Central American isthmus within the next four to six years. They have in mind a band of bees of desirable characteristics right across the isthmus through which the undesirable bees could not penetrate. (O/MS)

Successful start for chamber music season

The New Israel String Quartet, with Meir Bliman, horn; Richard Lesser, clarinet; Mordechai Reichman, bassoon; Talia Yezze, double bass. (The Jerusalem Quartet, Opus 25, No. 2; Septet, Opus 20.)

The Jerusalem Chamber Music Society has moved its concerts from the Wise Auditorium to the Jerusalem Khan, a smaller, more intimate, perhaps better-situated locality.

The New Israel String Quartet opened the season to a full house with a beautifully rendered performance of the second "Rasoumofsky" Quartet, which showed the ensemble's qualities in their best light. Warm tone and perfect balance, unanimity of purpose and an intense, impeccable interpretative approach, were coupled with a lively, elastic, though precise attack, making this offering a most enjoyable experience.

The four musicians, all members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, have established an admirable contact and their performance promises top performances in the future. Another four I.P.O. members joined them for the Septet (the second violinist going off duty), a lovable and entertaining work from Beethoven's early creative period (1799-1800). Contrasts and mixtures between the wind and string instruments were intelligently worked out and balance always maintained. The rendition was carried by a lively — sometimes too lively — tempo and the pleasant, lightweight music received a most appropriate treatment.

It was a successful inauguration of the season, which should make chamber music many new friends.

YOHANAN BOEHM

Music

beautiful French works. Debussy's "Jeux" a highly sophisticated and refined work, and Roussel's truly inspiring and rousing Suite.

Jean Martinon is not a romantic interpreter of impressionistic music. His approach is much more solid, sober and clear-headed. His conception has a certain objectivity, and the structural development of the works is strictly controlled. His "Jeux" impressed one as a little dry and restricted, but it presented marvellous unity. In Roussel, too, emphasis was less on colour and more on the formal outline. This gave the music even greater harshness than it actually possesses and robbed it of some of its sinuosity. But Martinon balanced this lack of expressiveness with magnificent development, which gradually reached a terrific climax.

BENJAMIN BAR-AN

Objective reading

MUSIC AT EIN KAREM: The Austral String Quartet (Targ Music Centre, Ein Karem, November 15). Mozart: Quartet in D Minor, K. 421; Felix Weidner (1923): Quartet No. 9 (1968); Beethoven: Quartet in C, Opus 25, No. 2.

THIS is the first time that the continent "down under" has sent us a locally-bred chamber music ensemble — three members were born and trained in Australia, and the cellist, though French-born, has lived there for 20 years. All are leading members of the Sidney Symphony Orchestra.

Their sonority as a group indicates

their preoccupation with orchestra playing — their sound is slightly drier and harsher than one would expect from a chamber music ensemble. The group's attitude is one of strict adherence to the printed indication, correct performance of the score, and a fairly objective way of expression — the result shows great effort if not enthusiasm. The four artists are in fact capable of giving a lively, warm and personally involved performance as was proved in the finale of the third "Rasoumofsky" Quartet, where the quartet's playing gathered enough momentum and depth to make for really interesting listening. One wished they had played the whole programme in this manner.

Australian composers' contribution to the programme was represented by Felix Weidner's Ninth String Quartet, which does not offer much interest besides its subtleties — Strophe, Antistrophe, Metastrophe, Catastrophe. It consists of the customary single-note peeps and poops, a lot of glissando (gliding up and down the strings in airraid-siren effects), and the only surprising moment, is provided by the sudden end of the piece, just when one has settled down resignedly to listen to the ups and downs of a soul in distress.

YOHANAN BOEHM

Clear-headed approach

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: Jean Martinon; soloist: Estrella Gutierrez, piano. (Tel Aviv, Maan Auditorium November 16). Orgad: Kaleidoscope; Bachman: Piano Concerto No. 3; Debussy: "Jeux"; Ballet Suite; Roussel: Bacchus et Ariane, Suite No. 1.

ORGAD's Kaleidoscope creates an unmistakable atmosphere. Sparingly orchestrated at the beginning and only hitting at things to come, the piece nevertheless immediately radiates its message of mystery, gloom and painful soul-searching. This piece of self-exposition bears all the characteristics of Orgad's dualism: Oriental melos seemingly in a more sophisticated and stylized form than in other works — and heterophonic textures and Bible cantillation.

Cuba-born Horacio Gutierrez is a remarkable young pianist with enormous technical resources and a highly disciplined mind. Emotionally, he is capable of reaching all the peaks of the romantic concerto. Yet he always remains in firm control and plays with persuasive confidence and sureness.

The opening theme was slightly underplayed, but the rest of the movement was beautifully developed. The second movement never degenerated into sentimentality and kept a remarkable balance of expression, proof of Gutierrez's impeccable taste. The third movement is hopelessly overextended, but the pianist nevertheless fared extremely well, showing brilliant and outstanding tonal abundance in the final passages.

In the second part of the concert, Jean Martinon presented two

The story of three tough cops

COLUMBIA'S The New Centurions (Dekal, Tel Aviv) is based on Los Angeles' police sergeant Joseph Wambaugh's best-selling novel about the man on the beat. Screen adaptation is by Stirling Silliphant, who won an Oscar a few years ago for his screenplay of "In the Heat of the Night," another police drama.

Skillfully directed by Richard Fleischer ("Compulsion," "The Boston Strangler"), the film traces the personal careers of three young policemen from their days as rookies to hard-bitten veterans. In particular, it deals with one of the trio, played by Stacy Keach, and his guide and mentor, police officer Andy Kilvinsky, who is about to retire after 25 years of service.

That fine actor, George C. Scott,



peace today as their predecessors did in ancient Rome. Keach, whose total devotion to his job — "I am really in love with this beat," he tells Kilvinsky during a motorized night patrol — causes his wife (Jane Alexander) to leave him, is also first class, as are all the supporting players down to the smallest role.

Photographed on location in an area of Los Angeles with a large Black population, the police are seen dealing with every type of offender, from street-walker to brutal killer.

Tel Aviv policemen invited to the premiere came out of the Dekal full of praise for this realism; they also saw considerable similarity between their own problems and those of the Los Angeles force. J.L.

At the Cinema

makes a real character out of the tough, philosophical Kilvinsky, who leaves the police convinced that the forces of law and order "cannot hold the line any longer... laws change, but people don't, and we can never get rid of the evil in mankind." His pessimism is countered by the still-idealistic Keach, who sees the modern policemen as "the new Centurions," keeping the



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'Government should pay large share of university tuition'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The State should pay a large percentage of university tuition fees, Dr. Ben Lawrence, director of the National Centre for Higher Education Management Systems, in Boulder, Colorado, told The Post on Friday. Dr. Lawrence, who was recently appointed by President Nixon to head a commission on financing post-secondary education in the U.S. He is here as a guest of the Technion and during his stay will visit all Israeli universities.

He said the commission was established by Congress and will start functioning on January 1. Its members, including four Congressmen, are to recommend within a year whether and how the federal government should finance higher education.

The commission was created in response to public demand for greater accountability of American universities. Both the students and the public in the U.S. were not too pleased with higher education because it had not provided solutions for the country's social problems. The public now wanted to know "what they get for their dollars" that are spent on higher education.

He believed that though society benefits more than the students

from higher education, the students should be required to cover part of their tuition, with the state paying the rest. He considered 25 to 30 per cent of the cost to be a fair share for the students. However, in view of the rising costs of education, students would in future be unlikely to be able to pay even that proportion, and the state would have to cover a greater share.

He thought the state should make the grant available directly to the students and thus enable them to "purchase the education they want" at the university of their choice.

But they must be provided with sufficient information on manpower requirements and employment opportunities to enable them to make a wise choice and not experience the frustration of being unable to find work on completion of their studies. The state too should be able to exert some influence by making direct grants to the universities and faculties it considers essential.

He believed every young person should be given a chance for higher education, though in the U.S. a university education no longer assured a higher income. Thanks to the labour unions, a carpenter, for example, will earn more during his working life than a B.A. graduate, working as a teacher. Nevertheless demand for higher education was increasing, in large measure encouraged by blue collar workers whose personal income is high but who want their children to be educated.

He noted that the law establishing the new commission also called for the provision of higher education opportunities to all in the U.S. The "all" was not defined, but it is now not accepted because they cannot pass university admission examinations, it would mean "that even more money will be needed for higher education, because it will cost more to teach them than the more talented students," he said.

"But more money is the usual answer if you have no other. It is our task to develop better teaching methods at all levels of education, so that all high school graduates will be able to go through university without difficulty," he added.

Money prizes for most productive Soviet farmers

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Kremlin yesterday called for greater efforts this winter by Soviet livestock farmers and offered them specially established money prizes if they increased production of meat, milk and other products.

The call came in a Central Committee decree published by all central Soviet newspapers. It was seen as a sign of Kremlin concern to minimize shortages following a poor harvest which has led to shortages in supplies of feed grains.

The decree appealed to all Communist Party organizations to help organize a nationwide production competition between farmworkers and ensure recognition for those who performed best in fulfilling plan requirements.

Soviet republics were offered prizes of up to 100,000 roubles (\$50,000) to distribute among top farms, together with red banners, a Soviet award for economic achievement.

Soviet officials expect the harvest to fall some 23 million tons below target of 190 million tons this year.

State bank reduces incentive interest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Bank of Israel announced yesterday its net foreign currency reserves had risen during October by \$22.5m., to \$974.4m. The Government's debt to the Bank of Israel decreased by IL50.6m. during the same month.

The Bank also announced a reduction in the interest rate it will pay banks on their deposits of surplus funds, over and above those required by the liquidity regulations.

Immediately following the August 1971 devaluation, the Bank of Israel, in an effort to siphon off excess cash from the money market, raised its interest on these surplus liquidity deposits to a maximum of 16 per cent. Yesterday the rate was lowered to 13 per cent since the high-interest incentive is no longer needed, the Bank explained.

British hoteliers end Israel meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A group of 50 British hotel-owners and caterers Friday concluded a two-day annual symposium on "sell those profit opportunities" at the Accadia Hotel in Herzliya.

The symposium held every year in a different country, is sponsored by "The Catering Times," a British magazine covering the catering and hotel industry. The group will visit all the hotels in the Dan chain.

Dutch ship held up in Akaba

Special in the Jerusalem Post

EIGHT important Dutch enterprises are suffering serious inconvenience through a mysterious embargo laid on a ship in Akaba port. A vessel flying the Jordanian flag, the Lembros M. Fatsis, belonging to the shipping firm of Amin Kalvar and loaded with Dutch merchandise, has been held up in the Jordanian port. According to reports received in Rotterdam, Jordanian authorities are contemplating sale of the entire confiscated cargo.

The Lembros Fatsis left Rotterdam for the Far East under charter to the Thai National Line of Bangkok in July. The voyage was interrupted at Durban, where the vessel was put under embargo because of an unpaid debt of the charterers. The matter was quickly cleared up and the Lembros Fatsis set sail again. The news that the vessel had arrived neither at Bangkok nor Singapore but was held up at Akaba came as a complete surprise. The reason for this second embargo was again given as an unpaid debt of the Thai National Line.

The Dutch owners of the cargo are completely mystified as to why the Lembros Fatsis should make a detour to Akaba, especially if it was known that the charterers might not have paid all their debts to Jordanian firms.

Although at this stage there is no suspicion that political motives are involved, the Netherlands Ambassador in Beirut, who takes care of Dutch interests in Jordan, is trying to find out what is really the matter.

It appears that the entire cargo has been confiscated, the creditors claiming to act under the Jordanian law, which allows them to sell all the goods and recover the debt from the proceeds.

The Dutch enterprises who exported their produce to the Far East are afraid not only of losing a valuable cargo, but also of having to face claims by their customers for non-delivery.

Leasing: Untapped opportunity for industry

By MOSHE ATEE
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

MACHINERY and other capital equipment form a major part of every productive investment. Their share in our gross investment has been ranging between 25 and 30 per cent. If vehicles are included, the range was between 30 and 38 per cent. However, these figures include housing, roads, sewerage and similar non-productive items, as well as transport equipment (vehicles, ships and aircraft). Of the investment in directly productive economic branches, equipment accounts for about one-half its share in industrial investment is between 70 and 80 per cent. It is no wonder therefore that most of industry's financing worries is concerned with getting the means for acquiring equipment.

Hitherto these means were provided largely by long-term bank credits, and lately by capital grants to supplement the companies' accumulation of own funds. A good deal of the Law for Encouragement of Capital Investments is devoted to this purpose.

However, a new financing system is now being introduced. Instead of providing manufacturers with capital for acquiring the equipment, they may be supplied with equipment by so-called financial leasing.

The rental system is widely used abroad, especially in the U.S. But the Israeli authorities always rejected it, arguing that it would undermine credit controls, open the gates for disguised borrowing, and in any case give a boost to inflationary investments.

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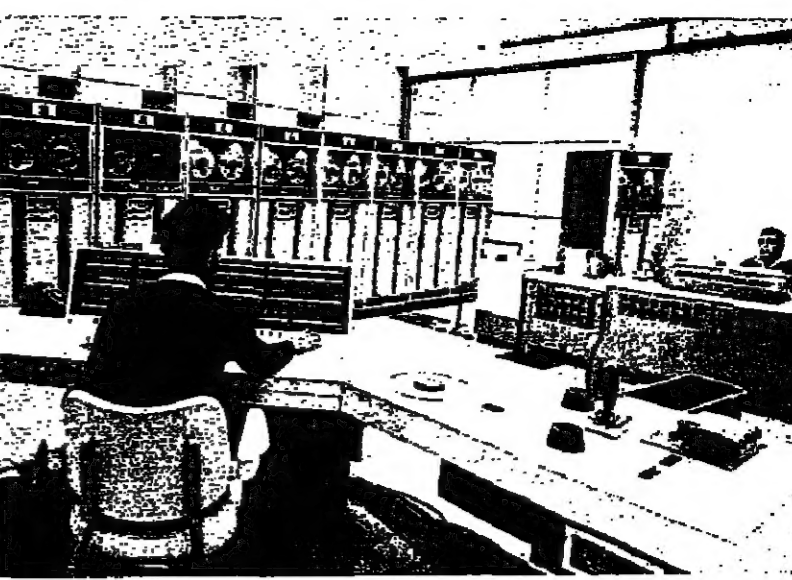
Ironically enough this attitude has changed just at a time when the curbs on credit are stiffest, and inflationary pressure strongest. The reason seems to have been partly the rising cost of credit in this country, especially since the legal interest ceiling was abolished — and partly growing disenchantment with the efficacy of current investment incentives.

One equipment leasing company started operating in 1971, and another this year. Both are unable to cope with demand, and want to expand their activity or be joined by other lessors, though the authorities are still lukewarm about approving this.

In fact, leasing equipment is new only for the industrial sector. Rent-a-car companies have been operating in Israel since the early 1950s. Trucks are also available at rental terms from over 20 firms for periods ranging from one to three years. Starts have also been made with leasing earth-moving equipment and building cranes. Leasing is also prevalent for computers, with the turnover already heading towards an annual IL100m.

Earlier attempts to develop local equipment leasing enterprises for industry did not succeed. A leasing subsidiary was established by the Industrial Finance Company but its activity is confined to projects engaged in defence work. A company set up by Bank Hapoalim folded after a short trial. As a result, both companies active in this field are controlled by foreign interests. (The second one is Israel-American Leasing Ltd., in which 50 per cent is held by MGI Investment Corporation, one of the world's majors in mortgage and financial leasing, with the rest divided between Isrop, controlled by Baron E. de Rothschild, the Montefiore family and the Belisha-Sabah family).

Both firms are obliged to operate within the investment guidelines laid down by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. However they are free to choose their customers and fix their charges. Since their costs are effectively based on the dollar exchange rate and on the



Computers are one area in which leasing already exists in Israel. (Rubinger)

American interest level, their rentals must also take that into consideration. However, the rentals are fixed in local currency and not linked, which is, of course, a great convenience for the equipment users.

The relative cost advantages of leased or purchased industrial equipment are, of course, of major importance in comparing the two alternatives. A survey prepared by U. Fat-Eli and A. Moszkovits for the Productivity Institute found that for a firm not enjoying the incentives provided under the Law for Encouragement of Capital Investments, and even for a "recognized" enterprise, leasing is cheaper, and therefore preferable, in any circumstance, even in an A Development area where long-term loans are available at reduced interest rates and even if the prevailing rate of interest is as low as 6 per cent.

However, purchasing turns out cheaper for "approved" enterprises if the leasing company does not get any incentive. If the lessee does enjoy double depreciation — as is actually the case with the two above mentioned companies — its terms may be more advantageous even for a "recognized" enterprise in the C Development area, and about equal to those of an "approved" enterprise in a B area.

WIDE RANGE

Of course, this calculation refers to the floor of what the lessee is likely to charge, while the actual rental also depends on the lessor's efficiency and business policy. There is a wide range of manufacturers that could opt for leasing despite the luring terms offered for "approved" enterprises. A "recognized" enterprise can save almost 40 per cent of the equipment cost (properly discounted), an ordinary firm about 60 per cent.

The cost advantage is only part of the story, for leasing may be preferred for a number of other reasons. First, acquisition of equipment can never be financed entirely by bank credit. Part of the investment must always be provided by the purchasing firm from own sources, which may turn out to be a severe handicap for firms short of capital as is often the case in this country. Even an "approved" enterprise in an A development area is required to supply 30 per cent of the capital from its own means.

Moreover, bank loans do not, as a rule, cover ancillary costs such as transport and installation of equipment, which can be considerable. Also, a firm leasing equipment does not have to bother about collaterals which all too often are crucial for financing even economically sound industries. To be sure, the lessor, though retaining ownership of the equipment, may insist on additional collateral to back the rental, but that does not, as a rule, exceed 50 per cent of the equipment's worth. On the other hand, banks lending for acquisition of equipment recognize for collateral only part of the

temporary, non-recurring production as for special defence requirements.

In view of these massive advantages, it is not so much Israel's lag in developing the leasing system as our manufacturers' lack of interest in the possibilities offered by it, which is remarkable. Probably their readiness to continue living with the current, costly and heavily-handed financing system is mainly due to this country's long industrial experience, and to the tendency, stemming from it, to accumulate tangible assets, which are presumed to appreciate in the course of time more than the liabilities — even linked ones — accompanying them.

A company owning a machine feels itself hedged against inflation, be it in the form of higher equipment prices or higher interest rates. On the other hand, a company using leased machinery feels that its position may worsen the moment the lease ends. Of course, this may be avoided by making the lease run for a period as long as the machine can be effectively used, or by giving the lessee a right to acquire the machine at a fixed price. However, both ways bring financial leasing close to hire-purchase, and raise various fiscal and business problems, which have not yet been fully solved.

NEW THINKING

Nevertheless, it is questionable whether the conventional approach to industrial financing should be continued without reappraisal. Obviously the need for a change is strong enough to require new thinking. Leasing of industrial equipment is already with us, and should not be overlooked. It is a curious situation, that leasing is not even mentioned in the Law for Encouragement of Capital Investment, and that legal issues of great importance, equipment leasing remain unsettled.

No less questionable is the development of equipment leasing by subsidiaries of foreign companies without active participation of local financing houses. The main reason for this seems to be lack of expertise in equipment trade and maintenance, and of working contacts with producers of industrial equipment abroad.

It may be argued that Israel has too small a market for a local leasing enterprise, especially regarding specialized machinery. However, Israel's rapid industrial progress should make local initiative in this field desirable.

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DOWNWARD TREND

TEL AVIV. — The general price trend was down yesterday in slow trading. A total of IL1.7m. worth of shares changed hands, IL800,000 in the variables. The general index of share prices fell by 0.42 per cent to stand at 283.53.

Some bank shares still rose, Union Bank three points to 293 (5,900), Discount A, two points to 532 (5,500) and Bank Leumi 1/4 point to 343.5 (17,100). But Hapoalim lost three points to 218 (12,000) and HLC 3 points to 204 (76,000).

Argaman, which was last week quoted ex-bonus 25 per cent without change, dropped 29 points to 326 and the Preferred shares dropped 33 points to 340. Turnover was 14,000 shares for each.

Paper Mills gained 16 points after the New York rise over the weekend to 111%. Paz, the most active share, gained 1 1/2 points on 82,500 shares. Clal Investment dropped 4 1/2 points (49,500).

The bonds market was more lively — IL2.8m. worth of bonds have been traded. C.O.L. linked bonds continued to rise, especially those with a shorter redemption period. Dollar bonds dropped, Israel Electric bonds are not quoted in anticipation of the drawing in a few days.

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Klita 1965, Index 110.1	137.4
Sitahon 1968, Series 41	155.3
Sitahon 1968, Series 41	144.7

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Electric Corp.	70	71
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FINANCE

Osar Hityahavut	280	280
I.D.B. Bankholding	247.5	247
I.D.B. Bankholding Pr.	255	255.5
Union Bank	298.5	299
Gen. Mortgage Bank	282	282
Israel Electric Bank	232	232
Discount Bank — A	530	530
United Mizrahi Bank	167	167
Bank Hapoalim — 10%	221	221
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	176.5	176
Bank Leumi — A	342.9	342
Bank Leumi — B	229	229
Ind. & Dev. Bank — 8%	64.5	64.5
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	293	297
Housing Mortg. Bank	191	188
Clal Investm. Pr.	218	218
Israel Cent. Trade	293	296
Hassusek Insurance	216	219
Wolfson	182	184
Golfsom IL10	214.5	214.5
Yefatot — 8%	208.5	208.5
Yefatot — 10%	198.5	198.5
Selmer "C"	167.5	167.5

LAND & DEVELOPMENT

Asorim	189.5	189
Africa Inv. IL10	182.5	182.5
Ind. & Dev.	304	304
I.C.P. Inv. Citrus	107	107
Jerusalem	122	122
Property & Build.	126.5	127
Mehadrin	151.5	150.5
Fri Or Ltd.	182	182
Anglo-Inv. Investor	121.5	121.5
Neot Aviv	81.5	82
Rasoco — 8%	115	115
Rasoco Ord.	82	84

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

Alliance — B	745	745
Elco — 10%	109	109.5
Elco — 2%	288	288
Elco — 11%	310	310
Argaman — 8%	340	343
Ala — 10%	174.5	174
Motor House	80	81
Dubel	241	242
Gold Storage — IL10	178	178
Elect. Wire & Cable	178	172
Sole Boneh — 10%	156	161.5
Lighting & Supply	238	231.5
Chem. & Pharmaceuticals	82	82
Levin Epstein	88.5	88.5
Moller Textile	253	258
Neustan	318	315
Teva	1094	1094
Phonocin — 8%	157	157
Paper Mills	305	305
Lesit — 8%	115	115
Shemen — 8%	117	114
Tal Plywood	342	354
PTEL & OIL	—	—
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DELAYED MARRIAGE

IT is not often that a Rabbinical Court case hits the country at large like a bombshell. That was certainly the effect of the announcement yesterday that the two young people who have become known as "the brother and sister" had both been legally married, at long last.

Their case first became known when both were serving in the army and appealed for help to Defence Minister Dayan when they discovered that the Rabbinate had barred both from the right to marry on the grounds of mamzerut — of which they have now been cleared — caused by the circumstance that their mother had failed to obtain a proper divorce from her first husband before marrying the man who became their father.

Langers preferred to fight for some more acceptable solution to their personal problem.

While he was still Chief Chaplain to the Forces, Rabbi Goren wrote an opinion that would enable both the Langers to marry, but observed that the ruling would not have sufficient weight unless it came from a Chief Rabbi. In fact, even now, it seems clear that Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Chief Rabbi Goren's colleague, was not willing to sit on a court with him to re-hear the case, or to expedite it in any way.

Essentially, this involves making one of the Chief Rabbis a further instance of appeal after the Supreme Rabbinical Court, which, for instance, had rejected the Langers' application for marriage, and any stage in law depending on a single individual, even a Chief Rabbi, is obviously a problematical and impermanent solution to a general problem.

Yesterday, Chief Rabbi Goren was able to muster a court of nine rabbinical judges for the hearing of the Langer case. In the long run, his approach to the problem of taking a legal but lenient line within halacha, will be successful only if he can find a sufficient following among rabbis in Israel to support him and share in the work, and if the profoundly conservative members of the Supreme Rabbinical Court are persuaded to understand that Rabbi Goren may well be protecting halacha in the only effective manner.

Russians laud de Gaulle as example for Europeans

MOSCOW (Ofns). — THE Russians have brought out a political biography of Charles de Gaulle. This is an honour of sorts because biographies of non-Communist contemporary figures are not frequently published in the Soviet Union. What is more unusual is that before publication, extracts from the biography have been serialized in Soviet newspapers.

These extracts are illuminating not so much for the light they throw on de Gaulle, as for their illustration of the Soviet view of Europe. Soviet policy towards Europe is rooted in a deep belief that "Atlanticism" must be combated with vigour and kept at bay. A Europe of the Europeans, Moscow would welcome, but a Europe in partnership with America is altogether different matter.

The biography is written by Professor Nikolai Molchanov, a senior member of the staff at the Moscow World Institute of History. The professor shows enthusiastic approval of de Gaulle's opportunism. The Frenchman is seen to have carried the principle of national independence to its logical conclusion, and this fits in with the basic Soviet approach to foreign policy which is to be prepared to defy almost the whole world in pursuit of national objectives.

Professor Molchanov writes, "The General was a consummate expert at psychological gambits. Yet notwithstanding their outward emotionalism, the main feature of his foreign policy announcements, invariably couched in superb rhetoric, was their political realism. His was a machiavellianism of the highest order. He frankly impressed on his aides that if sentimentality had no

place in politics, sober cynicism was a must.

"Nietzsche's definition of the State as a 'cold-blooded monster' was one of his favourite quotations. Once, during a Cabinet meeting, Couve de Murville spoke of 'States friendly to France.' De Gaulle cut him short: 'A State worthy of the name has no friends' he said."

It is obvious that while the General's pursuit of a Europe independent of American influence excites Soviet approval, his resistance to Soviet overtures at the time does not. Yet, this aspect of de Gaulle's policies is not condemned; an explanation is found for it.

Class and policy

It is forcefully made clear to readers of the biography that de Gaulle was a representative of the capitalist class, a dedicated anti-Communist. But this trait is seen to be modified by his awareness of the great dynamic force in Communism and therefore his foreign policy in search of peaceful co-existence is rated a positive contribution to Europe's welfare.

More bluntly it is pointed out that de Gaulle remained bound to the United States, even when his differences with Washington were acute, by virtue of his social roots and class affinities with French ruling quarters. This is how his support for Kennedy at the time of the Cuban crisis is explained. But at the other end de Gaulle is credited with sabotaging many a political and military scheme which would have brought about European unification — under American control.

Professor Molchanov has an explanation for Russians of why de

Gaulle collaborated with the German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer; the purpose of the partnership, he says, was in part to undercut American power by forging a link between Germany and France. The two leaders made a deal: Adenauer undertook to help de Gaulle to achieve European leadership while the General promised to prevent any agreement with the U.S.S.R. on the German question which would be to the disadvantage of the West Germans. Adenauer also agreed to oppose British plans for a European free trade zone in return for de Gaulle's support on the Berlin question.

Later de Gaulle endorsed the permanence of all the existing frontiers of Germany, which knocked down a major premise of Adenauer's policy. He did this, says Molchanov, as part of his plan to seek a detente with the Soviet Union. Nevertheless, at the foreign ministers' conference in Geneva in 1958, the French delegation supported the Germans with the result no decisions were taken.

Molchanov maintains that de Gaulle was disappointed with Adenauer in the end because the Germans were unwilling to break with the Americans, and it was this, more than anything else that caused de Gaulle to withdraw from NATO and build an independent French nuclear force.

It is conceded that de Gaulle in his later years lost power and popularity because of a wide gulf between the bold sweep of his foreign policy and his narrow outlook on domestic and social affairs. It is as a symbol of Europe's resistance to American take-over that Moscow wants Russians to remember de

A Soviet historian's recently-published biography of Gen. Charles de Gaulle has received wide publicity in the Soviet press. DEV MURARKA explains why the Russians are so enthusiastic about the late French leader.



Gen. de Gaulle in uniform.

ISRAEL PRESS

Kuwait parley failure 'because of Jordan'

Devoting their editorials to the Kuwait parley of foreign and defence ministers from 11 Arab states, Davar and Hatzofe claim that the parley failed through not achieving its principal aim of persuading Jordan to permit the repositioning of terrorist bases on Jordanian soil.

her and Syria. Towards this aim, Cairo leaked meaningless reports of her promise to resume firing should Israel attack Syria. There was also a report of a further Soviet drift to Syria. The deluge of meaningless reports, however, will confuse no one.

The parley resolutions fail to surprise Mapam's Al Hamishmar, which writes: "While they contained a lot of militant and anti-Israel verbiage, the differences of opinion have remained. The terrorist organizations in the Arab countries are divided, and there is also no uniformity of opinion between Egypt and Syria."

Shefarim (Follet Agudat Yisrael) says that Israel is facing a new global trend of peaceful settlement of regional conflicts. In this climate Israel ought to yield on the form of negotiation and make non-essential concessions, in order to stand fast on the essence of her demands. Still, Mr. Nixon's slogan of a generation of peace is meanwhile remote from realization.

PLANS FOR THE GERMAN COLONY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to the letter regarding plans for the German Colony which appeared in your issue of November 10, I would like to confirm that the Jerusalem Master Plan calls for preservation of this area. In the framework of translating this intent to an operative plan the Urban Planning Unit has prepared a detailed survey with alternative recommendations on the legal and technical aspects involved in preserving the quality and character of the German Colony.

The City Engineer's Department is withholding permits on all present applications for the local building committee visits the neighborhood in order to understand the "problems" of preservation. The local committee will then formally decide on the policy for the German Colony and submit its recommendations for approval.

(Naturally, the success of preservation is a function of the policy of the Israel Lands Authority and the Municipality is discussing this problem with them.)

I. GROSSEMAN, Spokesman Jerusalem Municipality Jerusalem, November 13.

Readers' letters Description before prescription

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I read with great interest Manabe Dean's report on "Excessive medication pollution" (November 3). I believe that teaching is still pre-eminently the doctor's role, though this is not stressed in his education. But it takes less time and responsibility to offer pills than advice. Doctors should be taught that "description before prescription" takes a little more time but will educate the patient. Also treatment implies disease, for prescribing suggests a desire to cure and confirms that something needs curing. Perhaps the profession should take another look at placebo prescribing?

A doctor's prescribing habits are inversely proportional to his understanding of his patient; he should know that many, many symptoms are due both to minor ailments which get better in spite of treatment, and to problems which require probing, not prescribing.

My family and I settled in Israel in August. My experience of the profession is limited to giving a number of lectures at hospitals and a conference, doctor contacts and two-months locum for Kupat Holim in four different clinics.

The number of consultations that could have turned into contests is upsetting. Many patients come requesting injections, antibiotics, suppositories and varied tests, and their surprise, bewilderment and even anger at my consent to order these only after they tell me the grounds for their requests, suggests that though some doctors run their practices, some practices run their doctors. When these people get explanation and understanding, most leave content without useless and possibly harmful medication. They are wiser, less likely to develop similar anxieties and come less often.

Finally the ability of clinic nurses to handle patients' and situations, act as interpreter,

buffer, secretary, adviser and diplomat leaves me delighted and impressed. The nurse as much as the doctor forms the backbone of general practice in Israel. DR. DAVID H. RYDE, M.B., B.S. M.C.C.G.P. Kfar Hanassi, November 9.

USEFUL ANNIVERSARY MISSION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — At the conclusion of our historic mission, I am writing on behalf of the Board of Deputies of British Jews Delegation to Israel on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the State of Israel, to express appreciation to all who made themselves available to us in our searching inquiry into Israel's sociological and economic problems.

We were privileged to make special presentations on behalf of the Board to President Shazar and the Prime Minister, Mrs. Meir, both of whom received us in special audience and with whom were able to confer in depth. Our meetings with the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Yigal Alon, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, furnished us with detailed up-to-date information and background. We were honoured by special receptions at the Knesset, an audience with the Speaker, Mr. Yehayahu, and in meeting the Chief of the Knesset, as well as many leading M.K.s. We met the Arab Mayor of Beit Jalla, leaders of all Christian denominations, and visited the reception centres at Al-Lenby Bridge to acquaint ourselves with current Arab feelings and aspira-

tions. We met with Chief Rabbi Goren to discuss with him his future hopes in the religious field. We visited the institutions of high learning and conferred with students and staff. We examined social conditions in housing, old and new, at absorption centres. We conferred with the leaders of the Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry to exchange experiences from our own top-priority work in this field.

Wherever we went, we were received with generous hospitality and friendship, and are indebted to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Organization and Information Department of the World Zionist Organization, and the Israel Office of the British Zionist Federation for their planning and assistance. The days of detailed study, visits, addresses and question-and-answer sessions have given us all a new insight into Israel's needs. We have been convinced that Zionism has a even greater role to play in the future, and with renewed inspiration in our devotion to Israel's best interests. MICHAEL M. FIDLER, President Board of Deputies of British Jews Jerusalem, November 16.

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KEEPING POSTED THE people of the Federal Republic of Germany went to the polls yesterday and when this page went to press we did not know the results of the election. What is more, the pollsters had refused to give any opinion ahead of the outcome, which they calculated might be very close. Chancellor Brandt's government has been losing its majority, small from the beginning, as a result of the defection of his small coalition partner, the Free Democrats. While this is a strictly German problem on which we have no opinion, it is of interest that coalition trouble can happen even where the party minimum for a right to sit in parliament is as high as a five per cent vote. In our case, that would mean that no party with less than 14 per cent of the vote would be eligible to sit at all, which would remove something like 10 parties from the Knesset, including such a key group in many governments as the Independent Liberals. All that gasping of teeth and then no stable government? WE have been troubled by another aspect of the pollsters' work. The German paper "Die Welt" had some statistics last month showing that one in eight people in Germany, 14 per cent of the men and 12 per cent of the women, stated that they were "wholly and exclusively dependent on the prognoses of the poll-takers for their voting decisions, according to more than 2,000 prospective voters asked in the city of Tübingen. Another 80 per cent said that they paid a 'fair' amount of attention to the predictions, and only about 5 per cent said they did not care at all how other people were voting while making up their own mind." As a result, two-thirds of those asked said they were opposed to the publication of advance estimates at all, because it influences the vote. Now, when the poll-takers have not able to make up their minds on the results, how are these 14 per cent going to be able to vote at all? NOTE: The Israel Museum in Jerusalem is still selling a small Hachette guide called "Israel et la Terre Sainte", published in 1967, according to which the Old City of Jerusalem is in Jordan. It also notes that the Sinai Desert is Egyptian territory, but that bothers us less.

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